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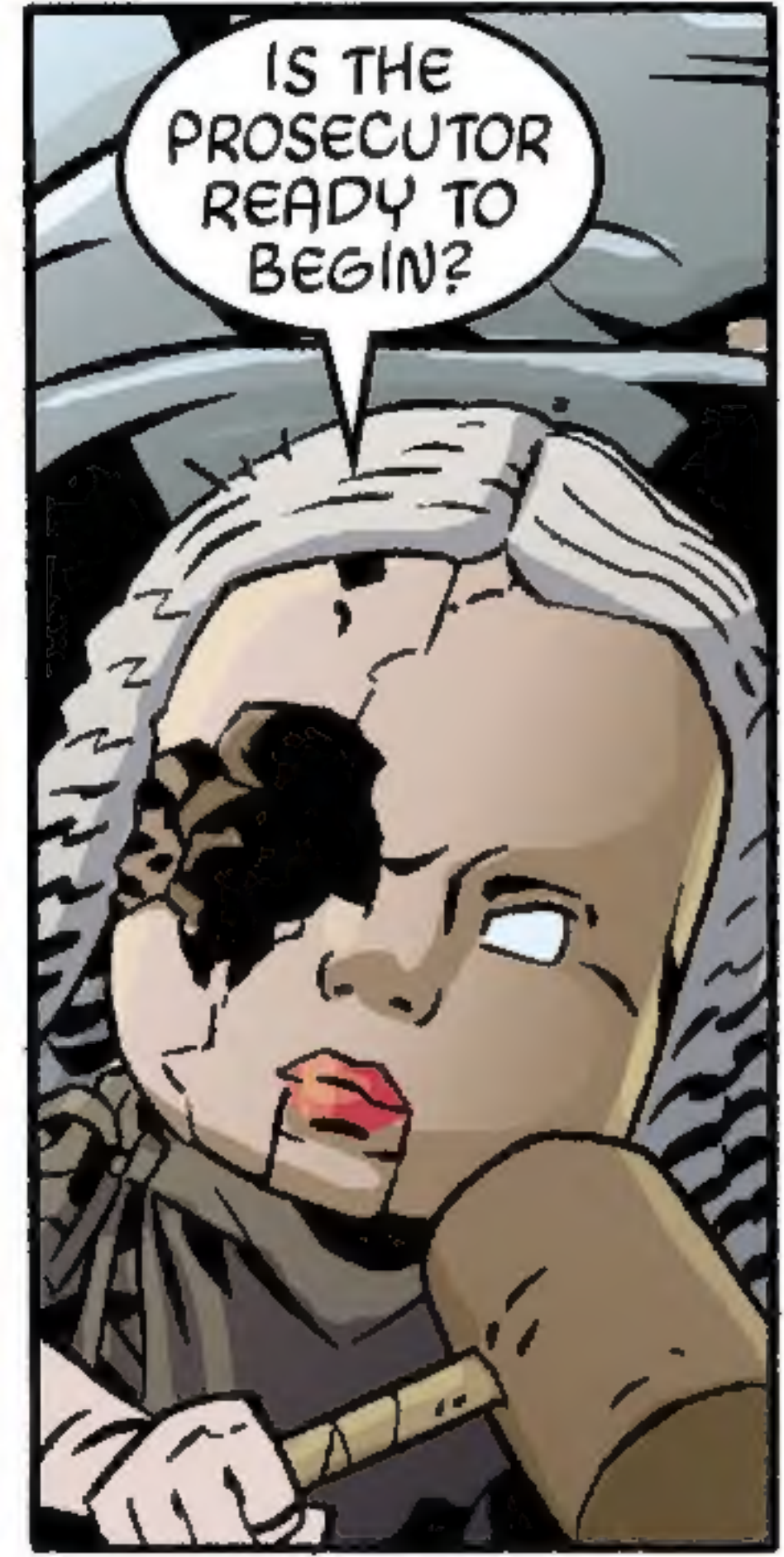
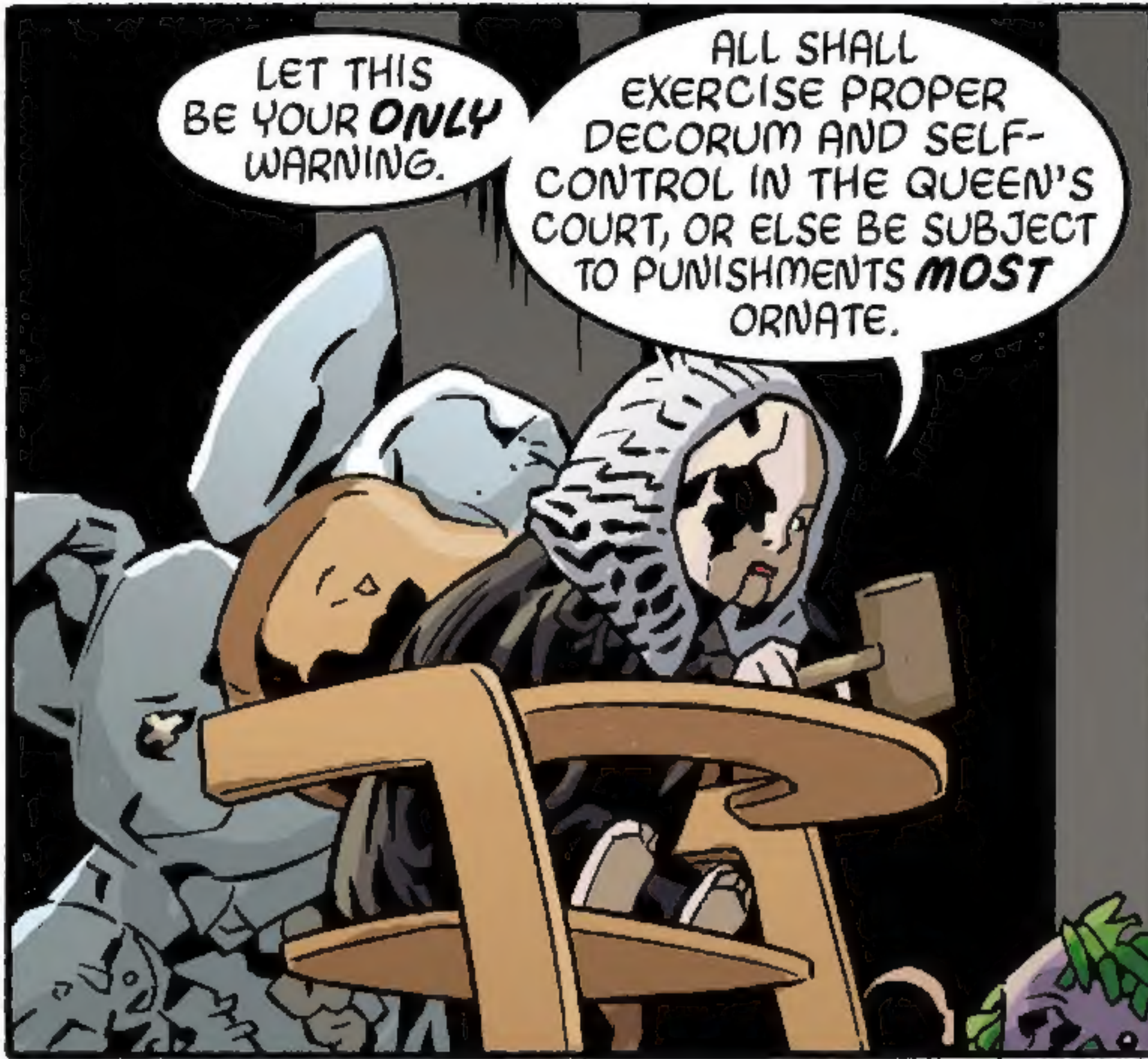
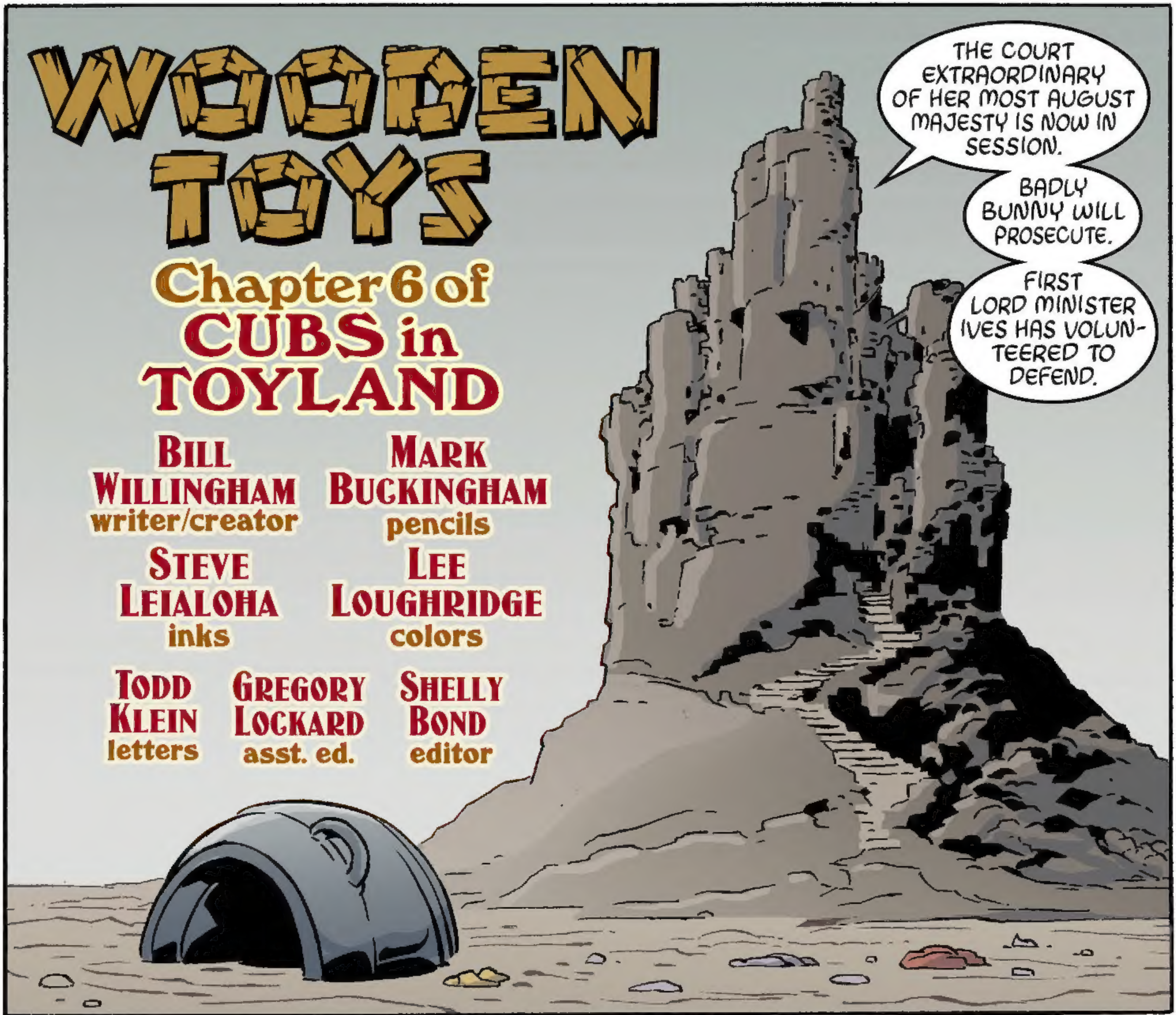
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THE COURT EXTRAORDINARY OF HER MOST AUGUST MAJESTY IS NOW IN SESSION.

BADLY BUNNY WILL PROSECUTE.

FIRST LORD MINISTER IVES HAS VOLUNTEERED TO DEFEND.



BEHOLD THIS WRETCH. THIS TIGER.

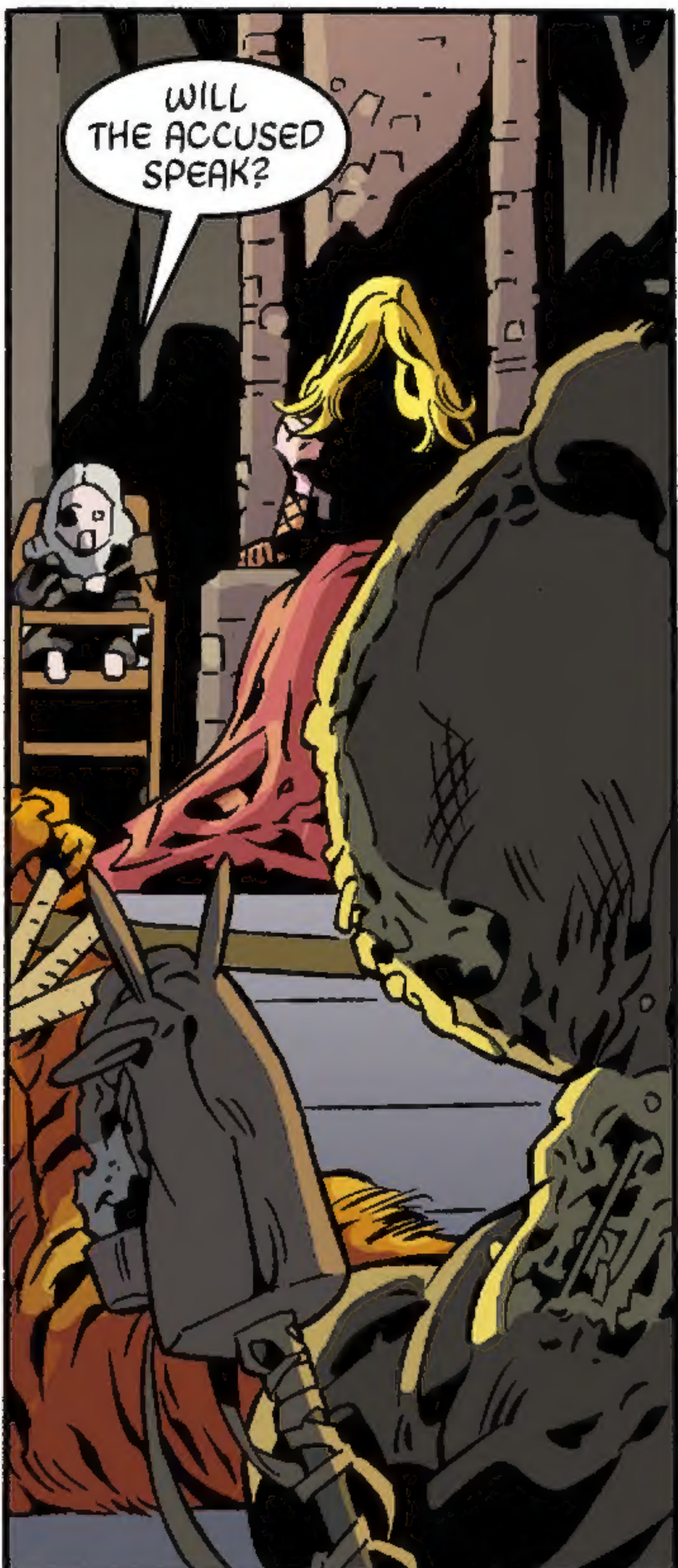
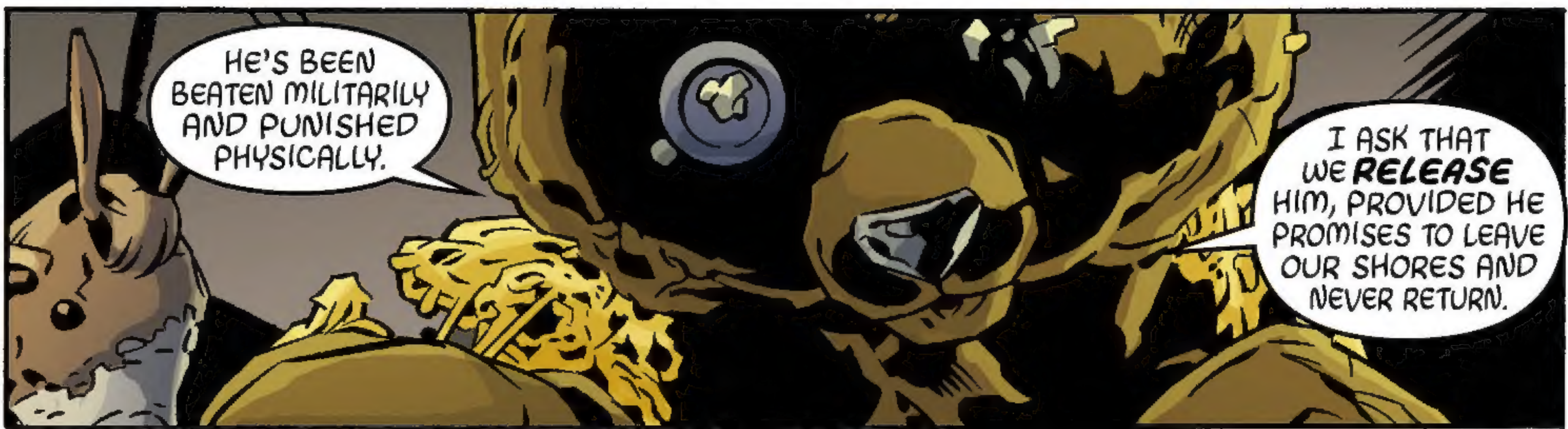
NOT EXACTLY LOOKING VERY **TONY** NOW, IS HE?

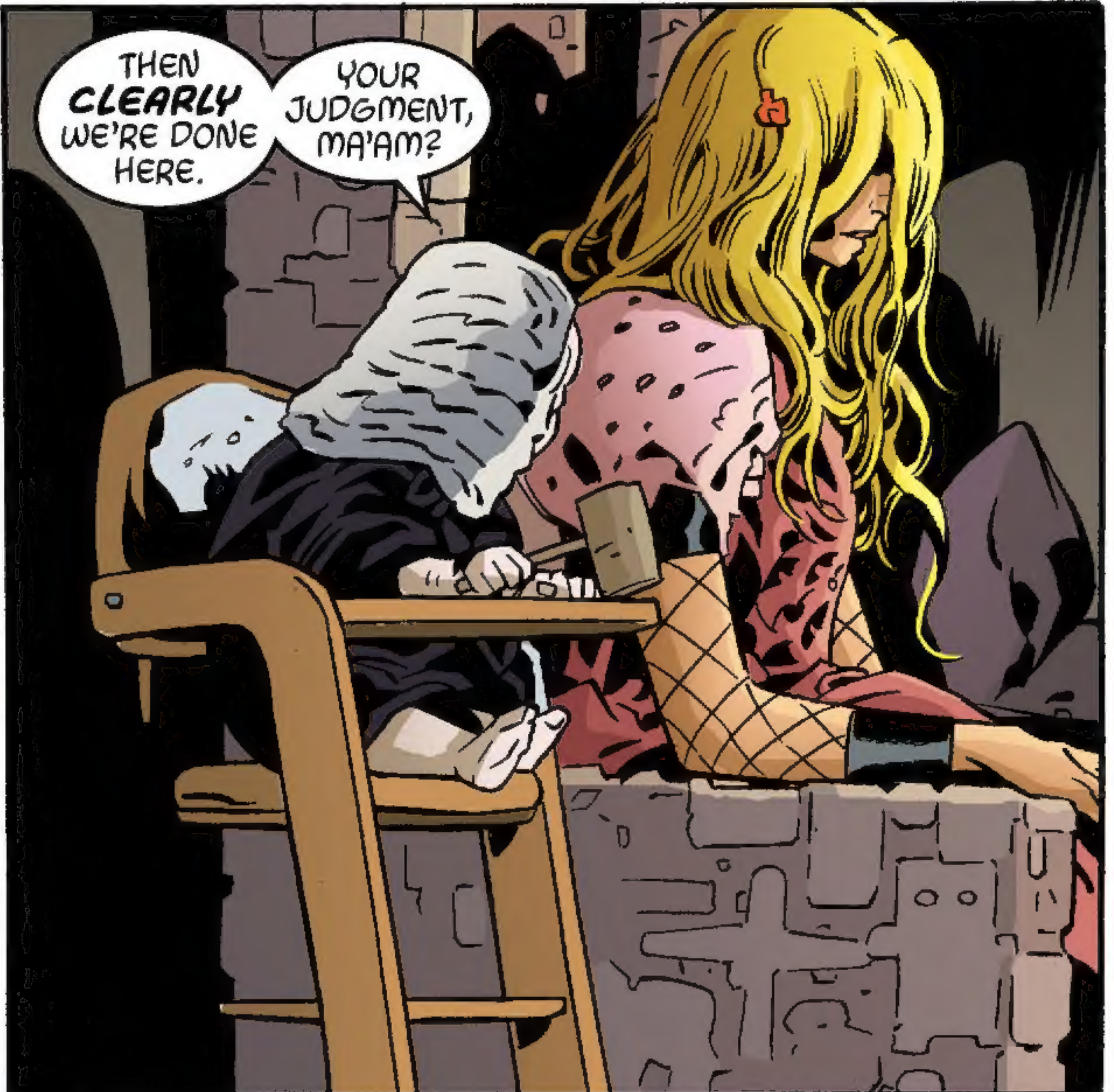
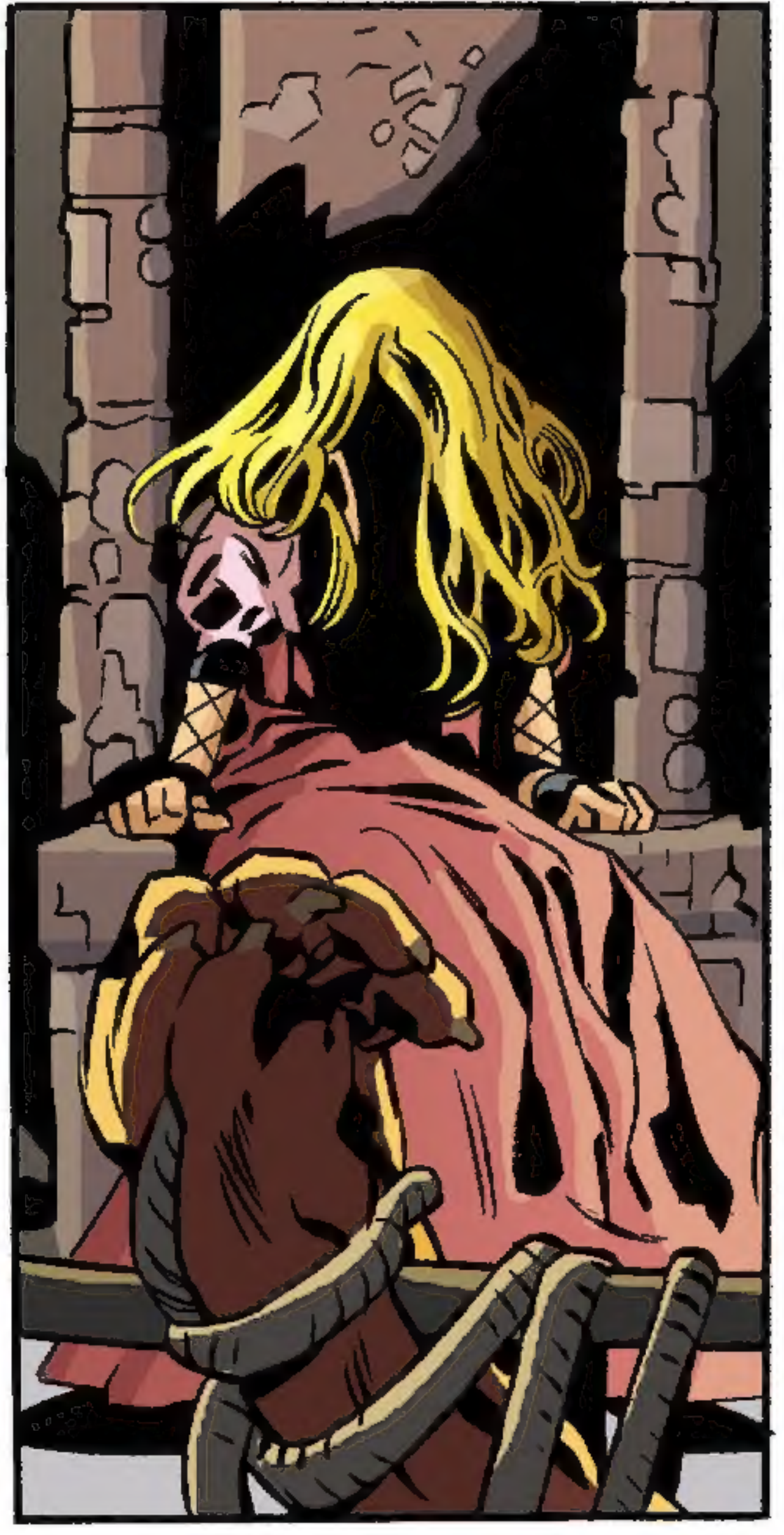
HE ATTACKED OUR REALM AND MADE WAR ON THE QUEEN'S ROYAL FORCES, WHICH IS **TANTAMOUNT** TO WARRING AGAINST THE QUEEN HERSELF.

WE ALL SAW IT. THERE'S NO DENYING. THEREFORE, HE'S **GUILTY**.

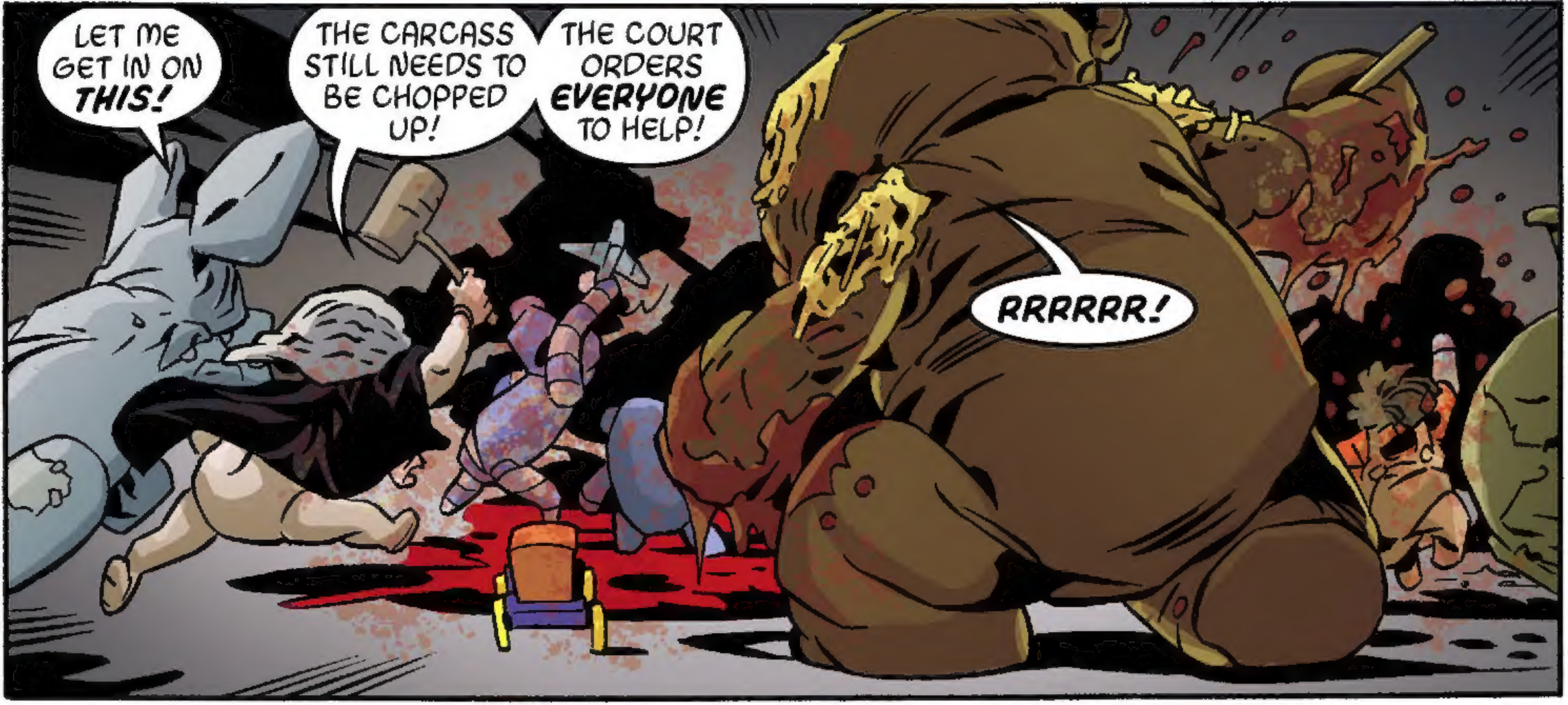
THE PROSECUTION RESTS.

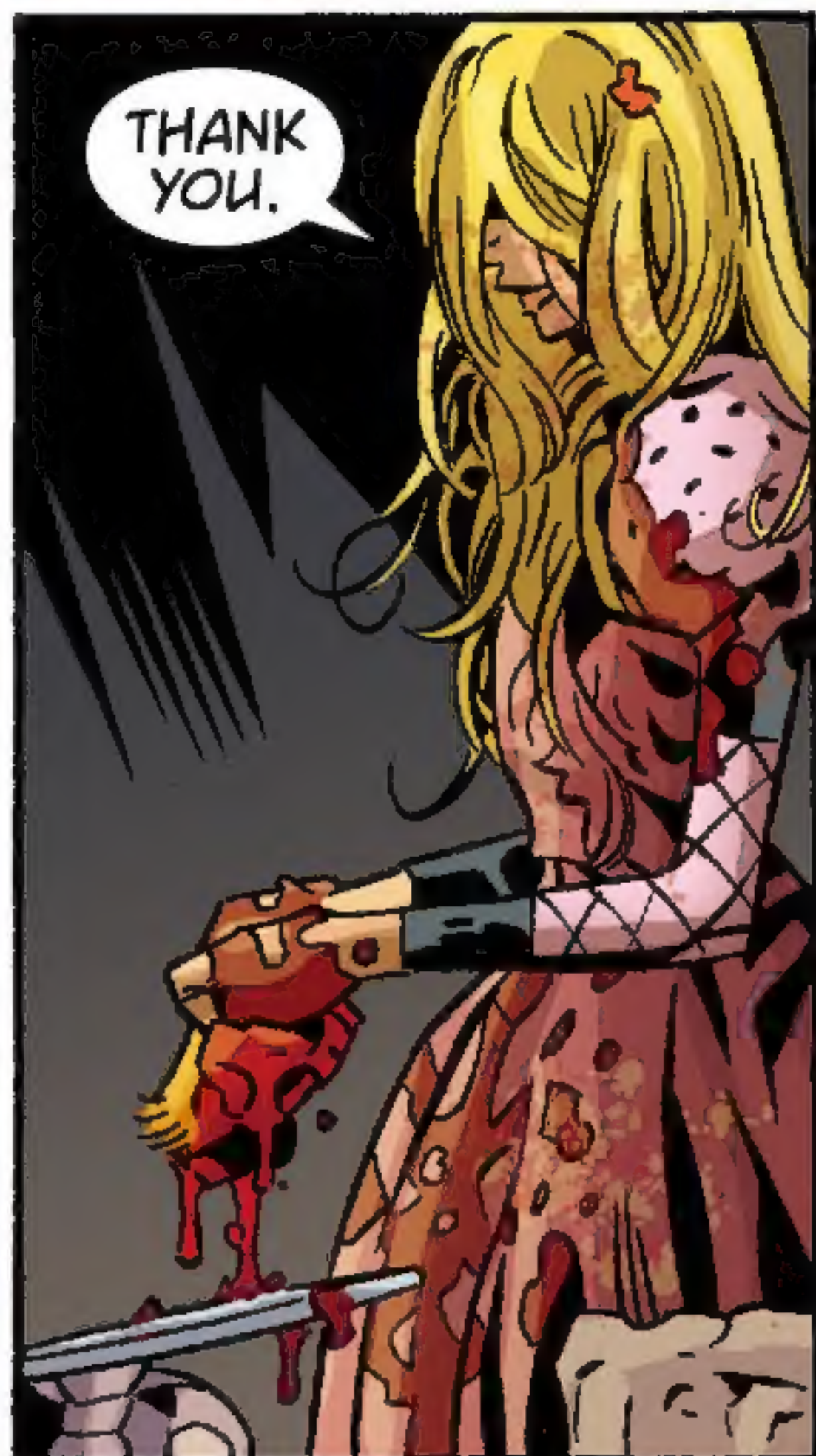
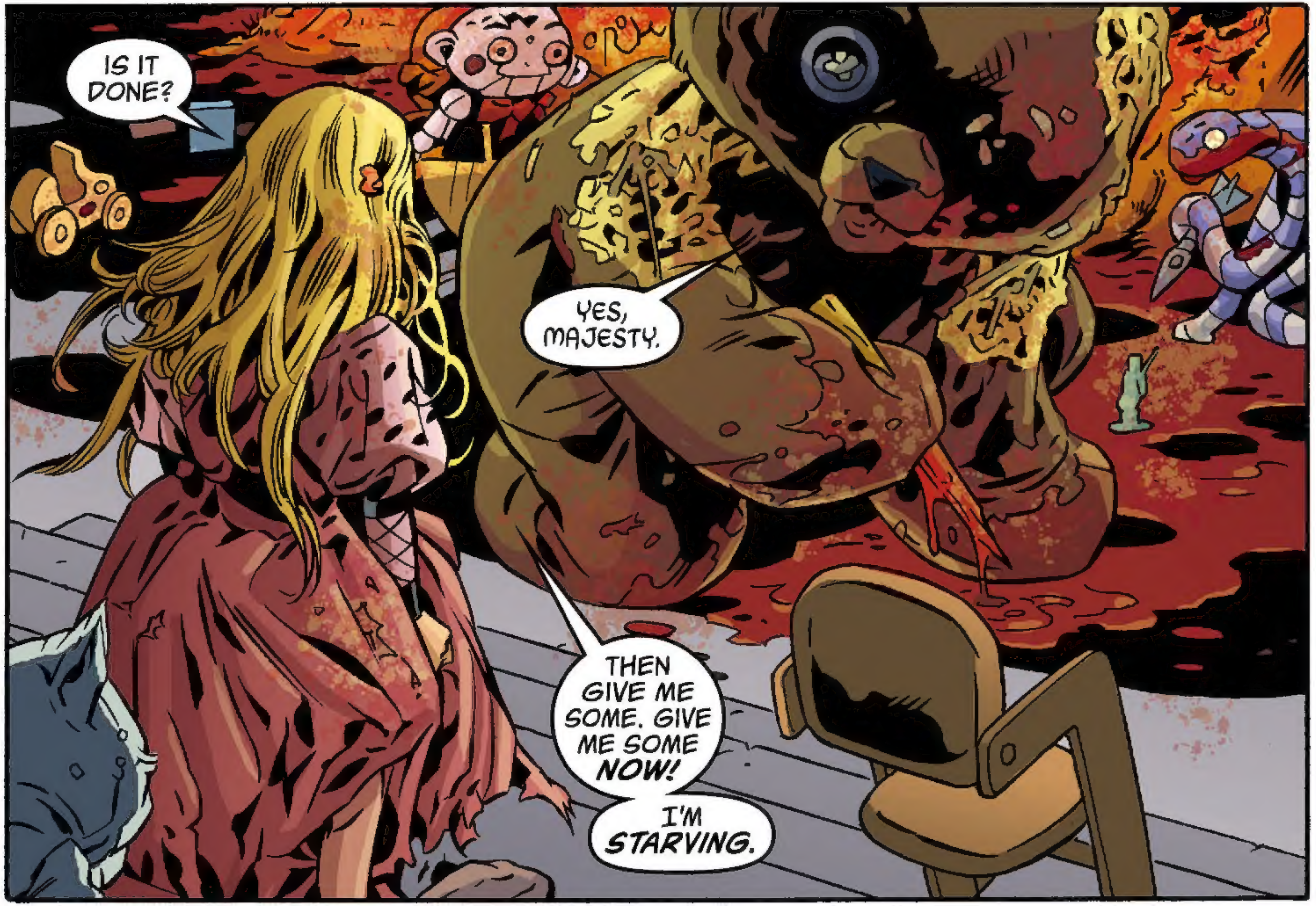


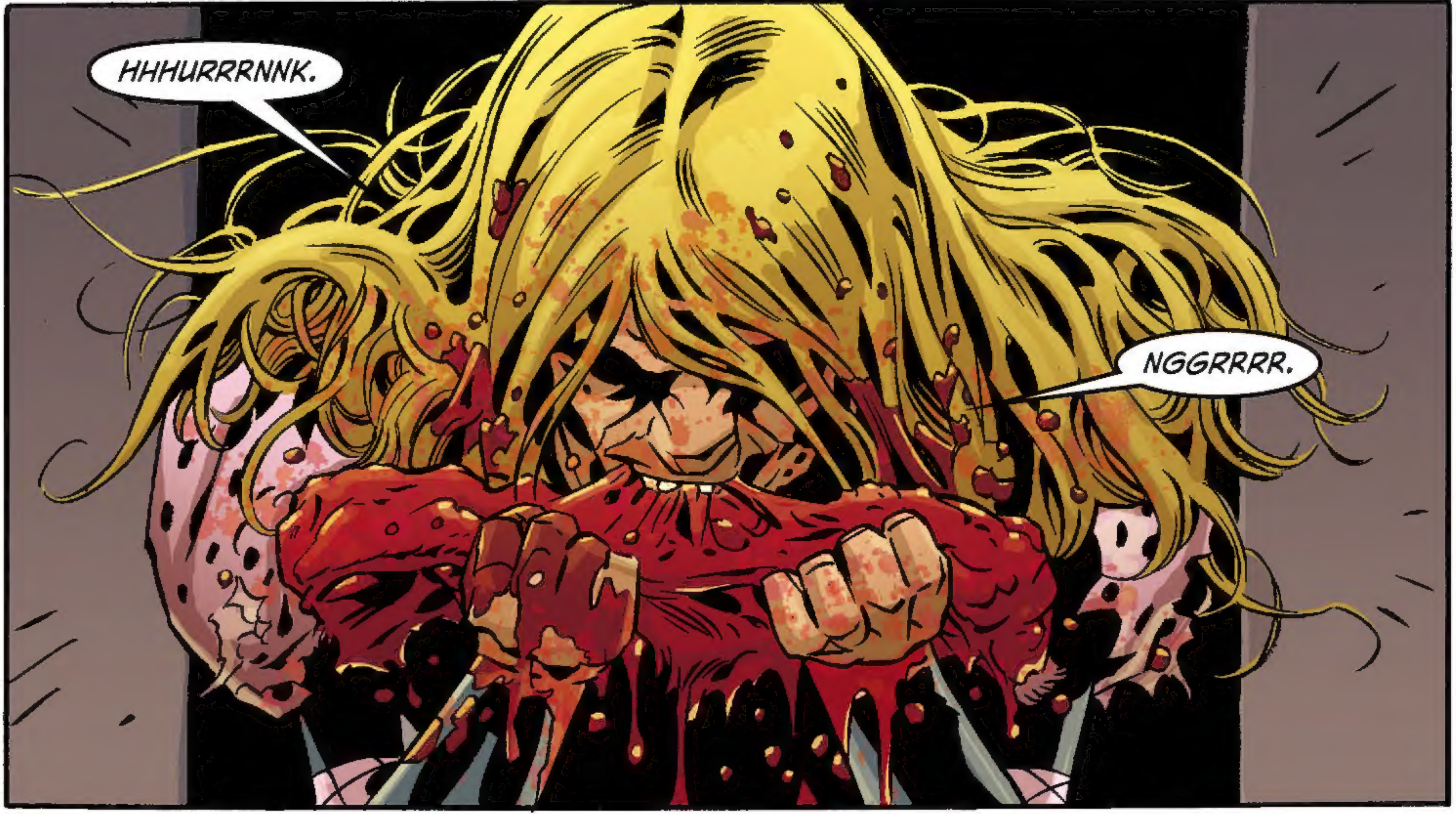












HHHURRRNK.

NGGRRRR.

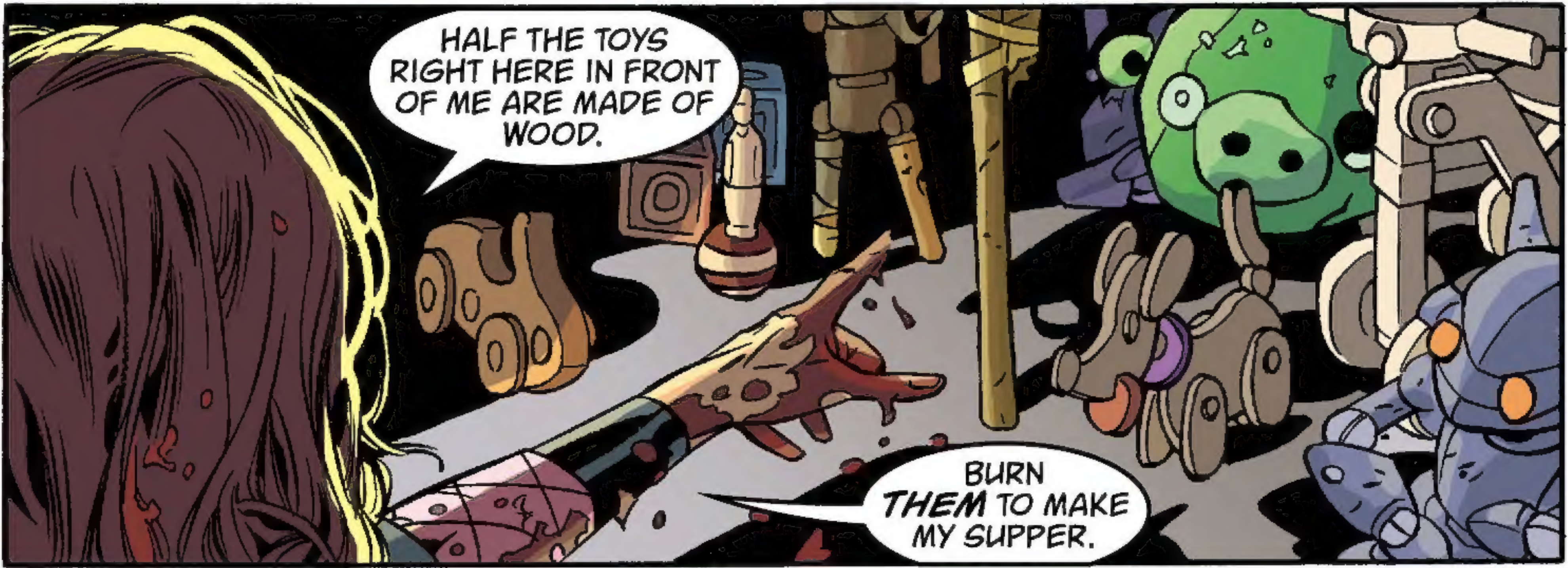


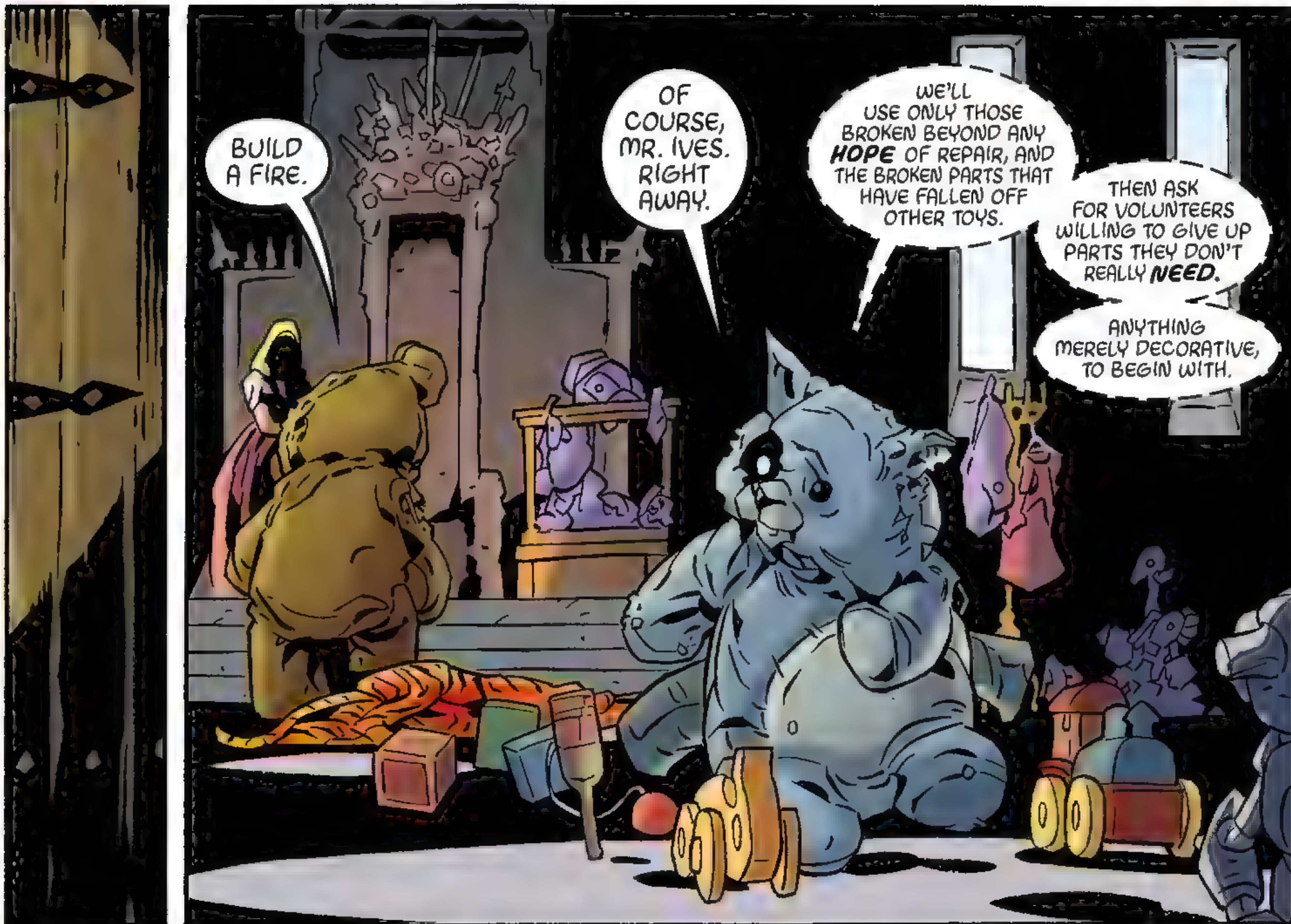
THIS IS RAW.



I DON'T LIKE RAW MEAT.

COOK THE NEXT PART.





BUILD A FIRE.

OF COURSE, MR. IVES. RIGHT AWAY.

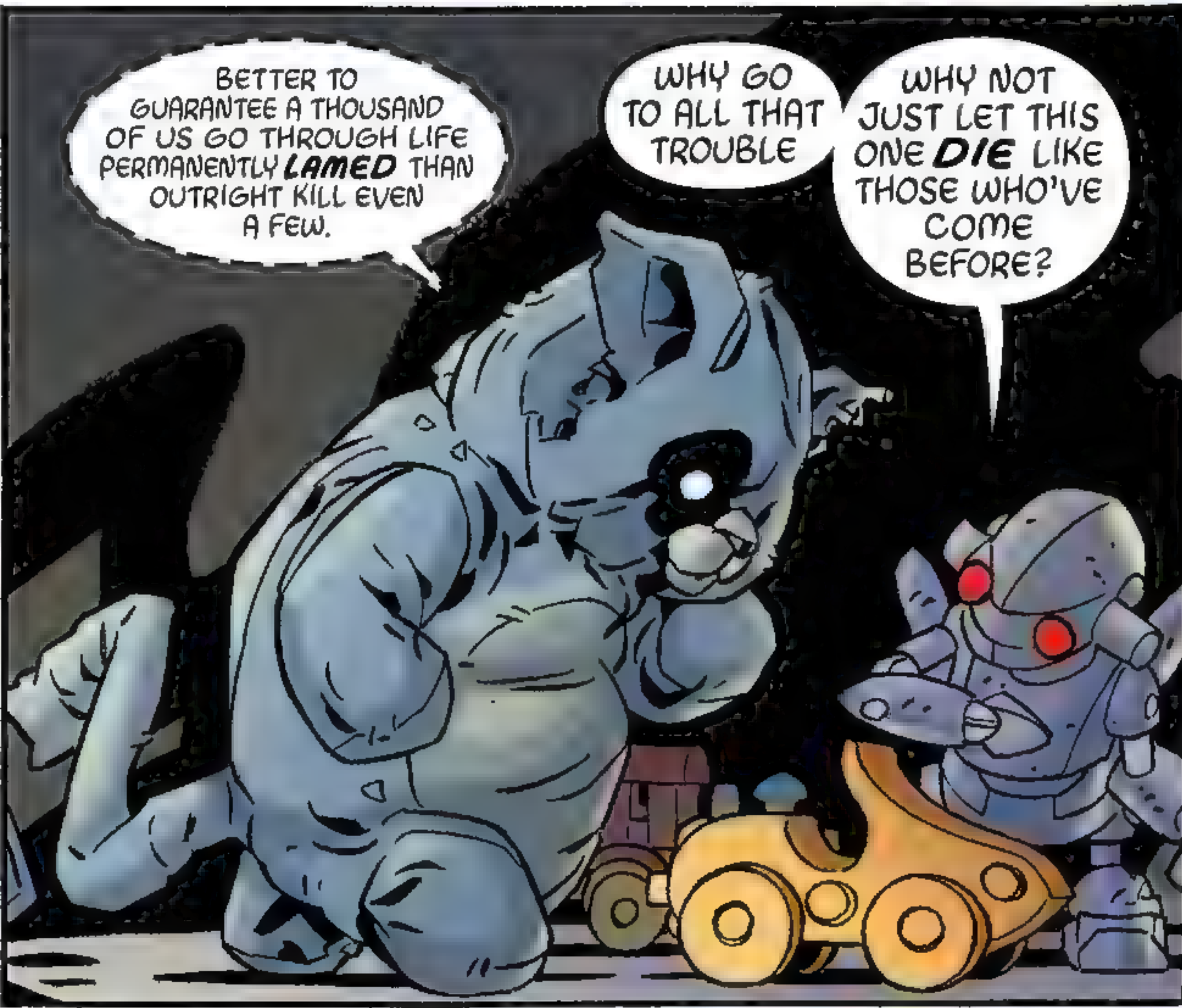
WE'LL USE ONLY THOSE BROKEN BEYOND ANY HOPE OF REPAIR, AND THE BROKEN PARTS THAT HAVE FALLEN OFF OTHER TOYS.

THEN ASK FOR VOLUNTEERS WILLING TO GIVE UP PARTS THEY DON'T REALLY NEED.

ANYTHING MERELY DECORATIVE, TO BEGIN WITH.



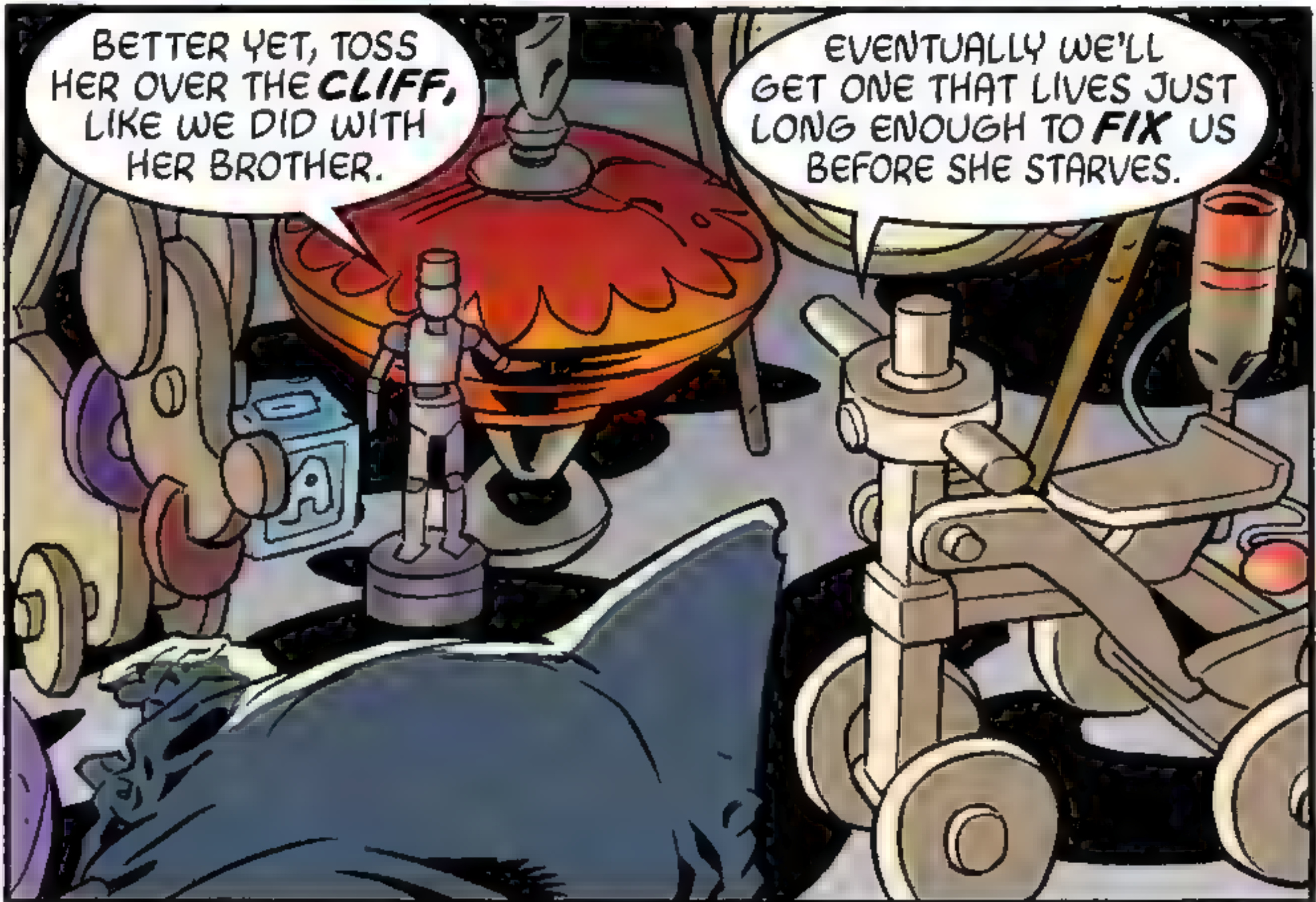
WE'LL COLLECT USEFUL APPENDAGES ONLY IF WE HAVE TO. THOSE WITH TWO ARMS CAN STILL GET BY WITH ONLY ONE.



BETTER TO GUARANTEE A THOUSAND OF US GO THROUGH LIFE PERMANENTLY LAMED THAN OUTRIGHT KILL EVEN A FEW.

WHY GO TO ALL THAT TROUBLE

WHY NOT JUST LET THIS ONE DIE LIKE THOSE WHO'VE COME BEFORE?



BETTER YET, TOSS HER OVER THE CLIFF, LIKE WE DID WITH HER BROTHER.

EVENTUALLY WE'LL GET ONE THAT LIVES JUST LONG ENOUGH TO FIX US BEFORE SHE STARVES.



STOP IT!



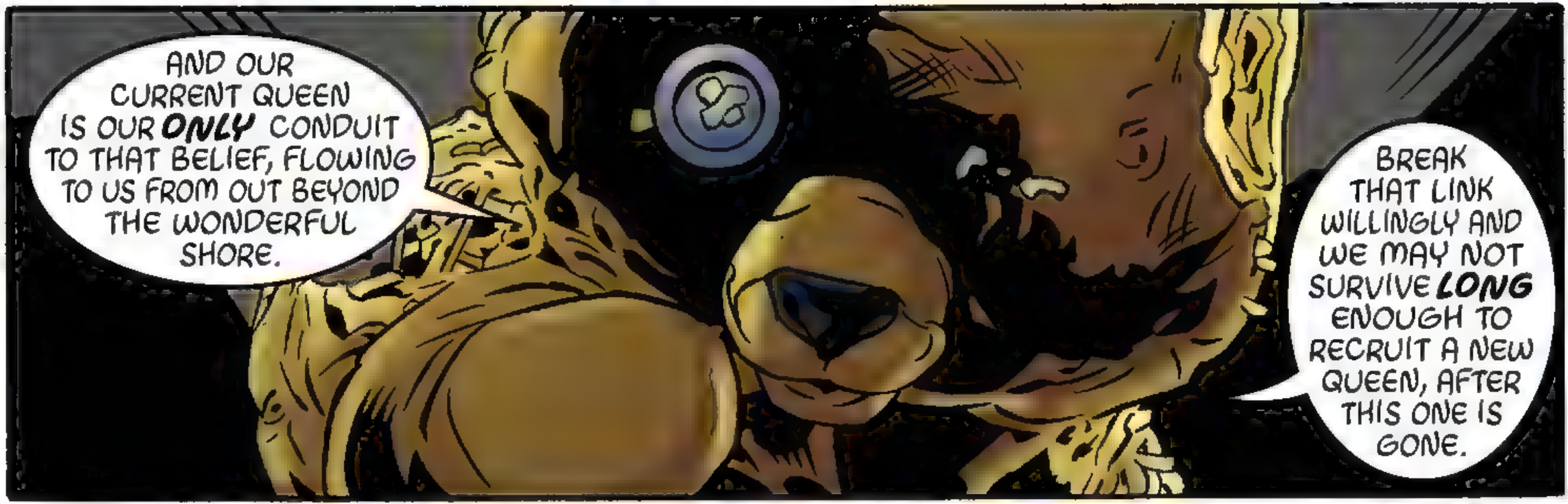
ENOUGH
TREASONOUS TALK!
SHE'S OUR SOVEREIGN
QUEEN!

SO
WHAT?
SEND MR.
STEAMPUDDLE
TO GET US A NEW
ONE WHO DON'T
ORDER US TO KILL
OUR **OWN**, JUST
BECAUSE SHE'S
FEELING
PECKISH.



DO YOU IMAGINE IT'S
THAT SIMPLE?

WE LIVE
THROUGH THE
BELIEF OF
CHILDREN.



AND OUR
CURRENT QUEEN
IS OUR **ONLY** CONDUIT
TO THAT BELIEF, FLOWING
TO US FROM OUT BEYOND
THE WONDERFUL
SHORE.

BREAK
THAT LINK
WILLINGLY AND
WE MAY NOT
SURVIVE **LONG**
ENOUGH TO
RECRUIT A NEW
QUEEN, AFTER
THIS ONE IS
GONE.



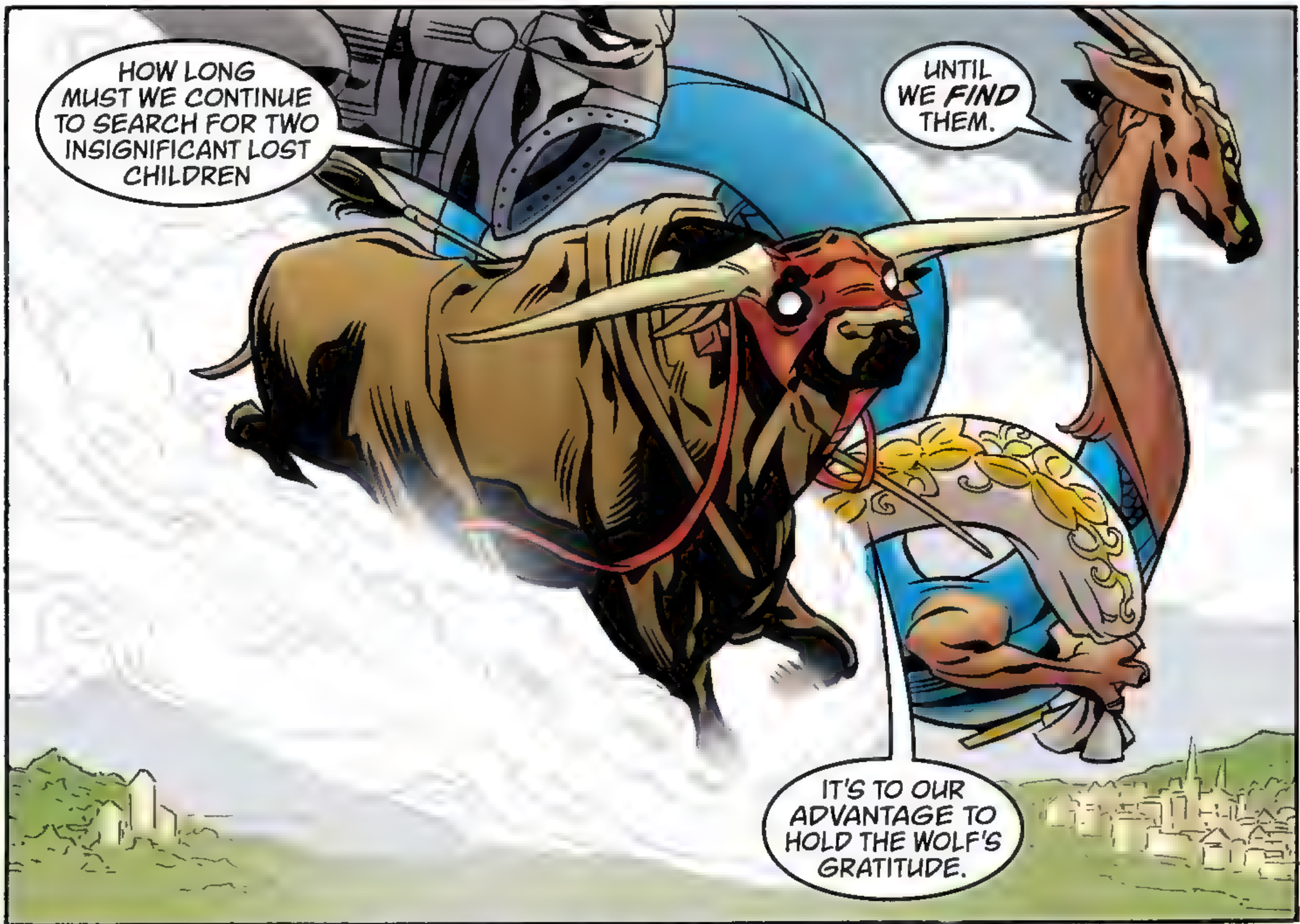
REGICIDE
IS **SUICIDE**,
CITIZENS.



INSCRIBE
THAT IN YOUR
HEARTS.



THE **GREAT**
PRETEND IS
A FRAGILE
CONSTRUCT.



HOW LONG MUST WE CONTINUE TO SEARCH FOR TWO INSIGNIFICANT LOST CHILDREN

UNTIL WE FIND THEM.

IT'S TO OUR ADVANTAGE TO HOLD THE WOLF'S GRATITUDE.



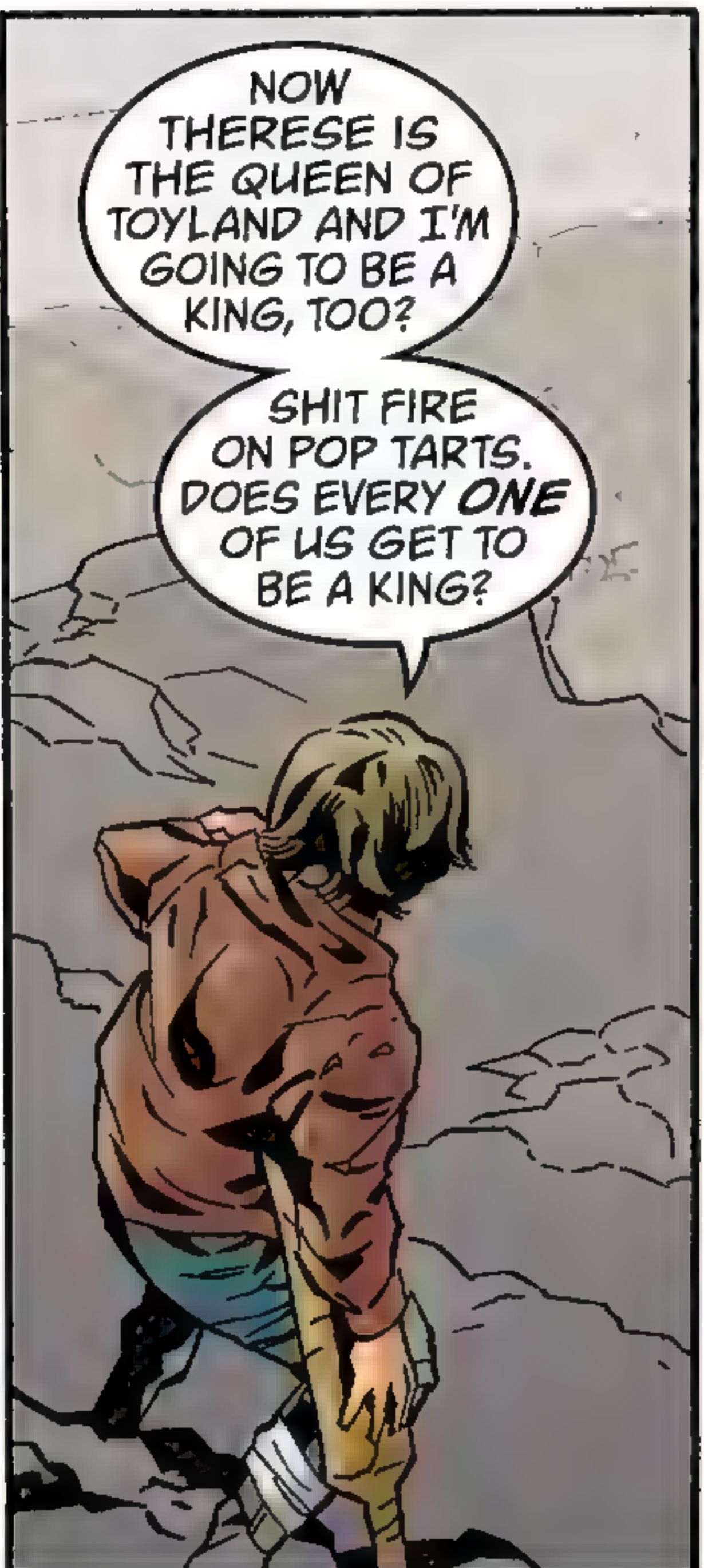
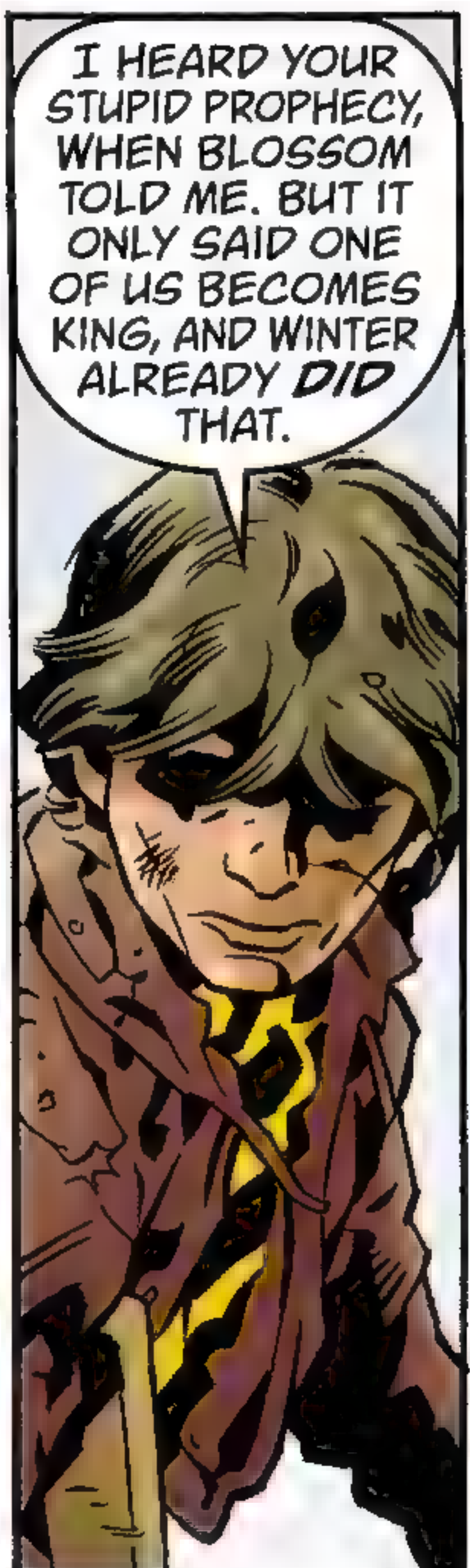
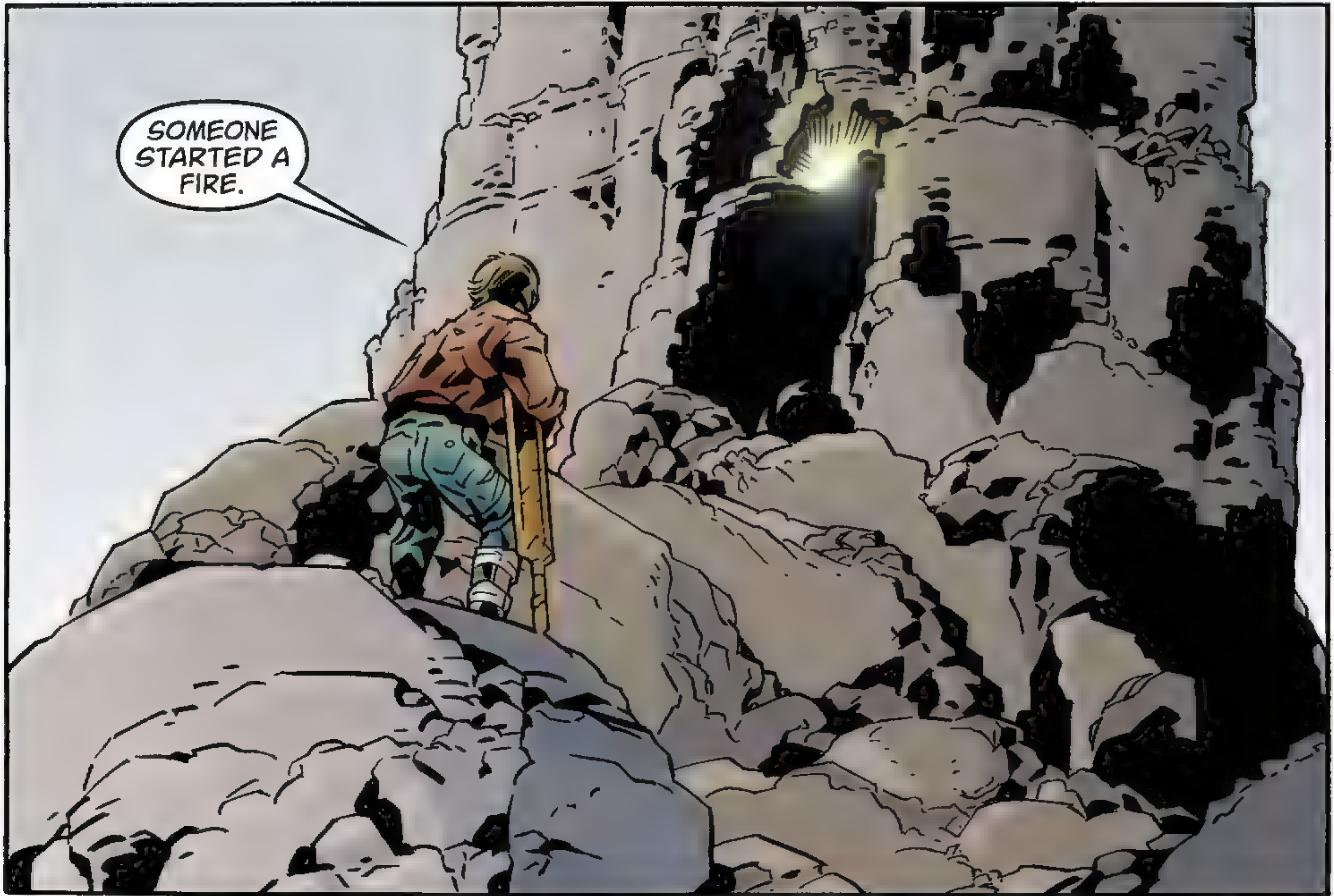
BAH!
REDUCED TO CARRYING FAVOR WITH MORTALS.

THE WOLF IS FAR FROM MORTAL.
AND SOMETIMES GOOD WORK HAS ITS OWN VALUE.



WE SHOULD SPLIT UP.
COVER MORE WORLDS FASTER.

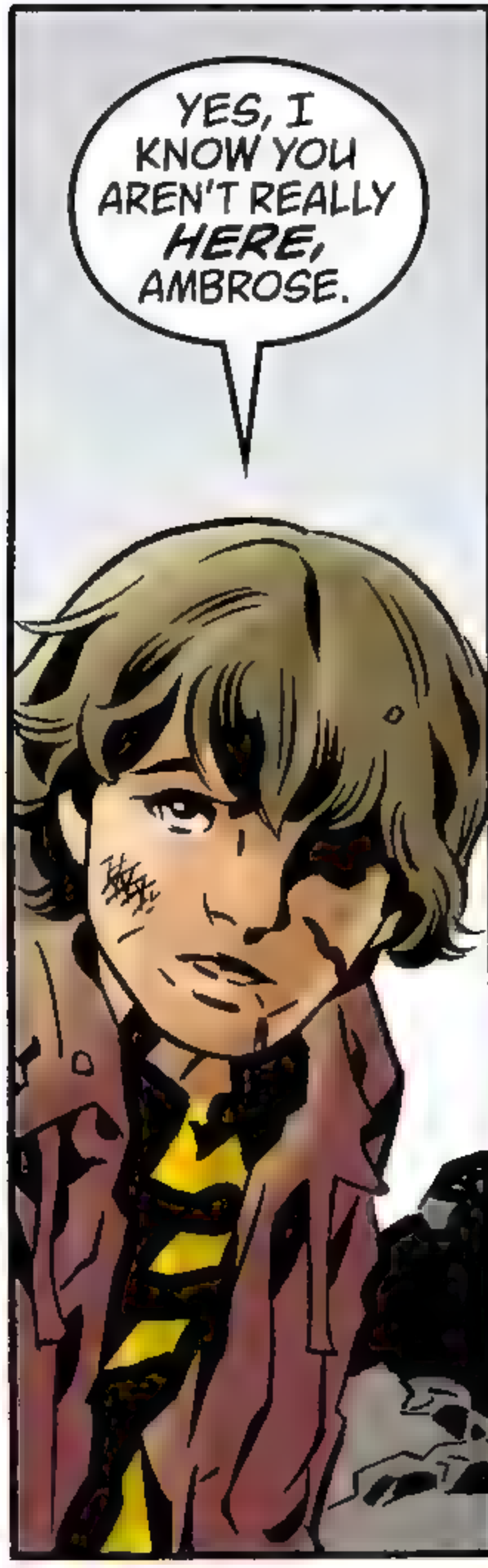
AGREED.
END THIS FARCE ALL THE QUICKER.





CRAZY TALK.

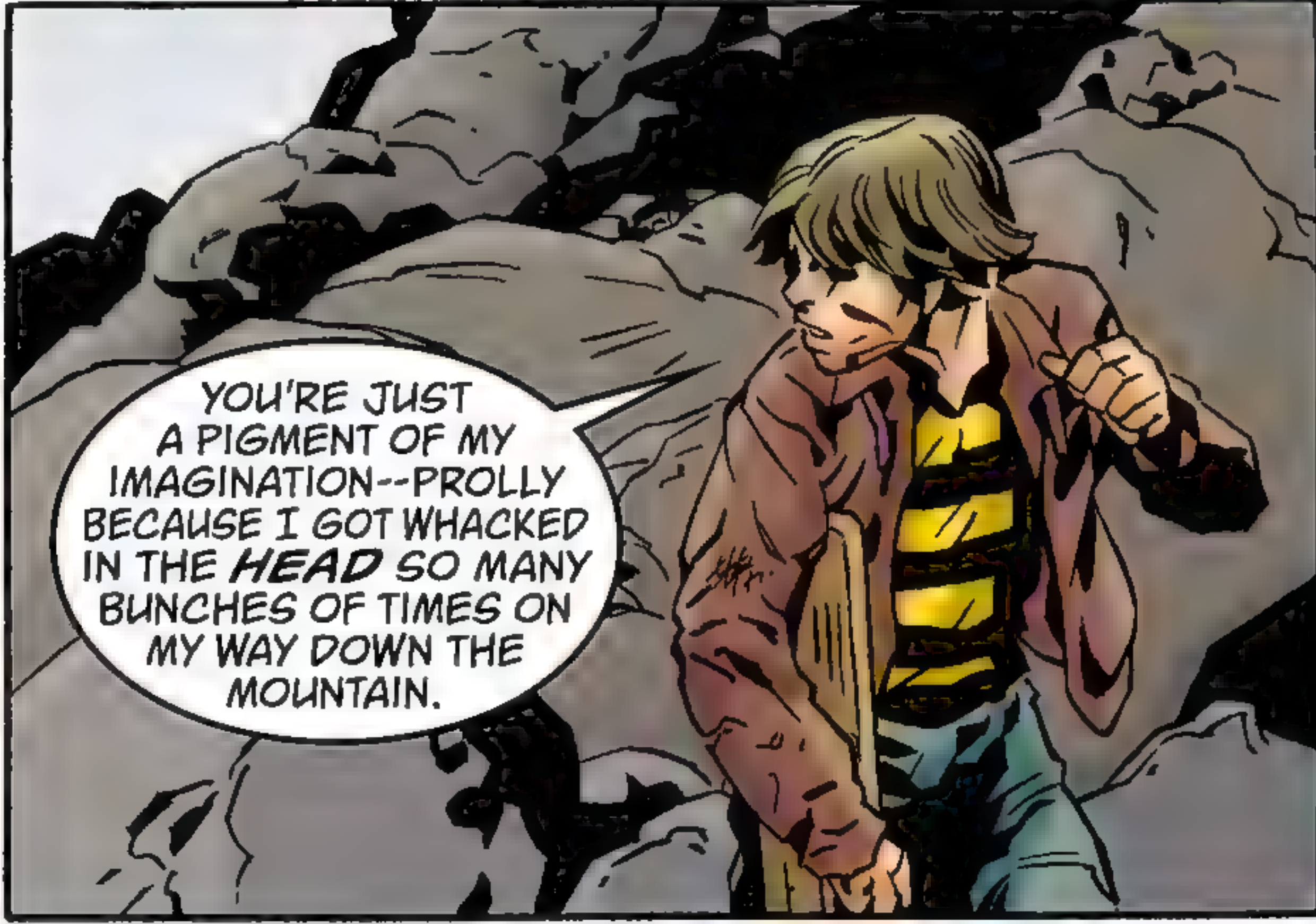
IF EVERYONE GETS TO DO IT, THEN BEING A KING SURE DOESN'T MEAN MUCH.



YES, I KNOW YOU AREN'T REALLY **HERE**, AMBROSE.



I'M NO DUMMY.



YOU'RE JUST A PIGMENT OF MY IMAGINATION--PROLLY BECAUSE I GOT WHACKED IN THE **HEAD** SO MANY BUNCHES OF TIMES ON MY WAY DOWN THE MOUNTAIN.



BUT THIS...

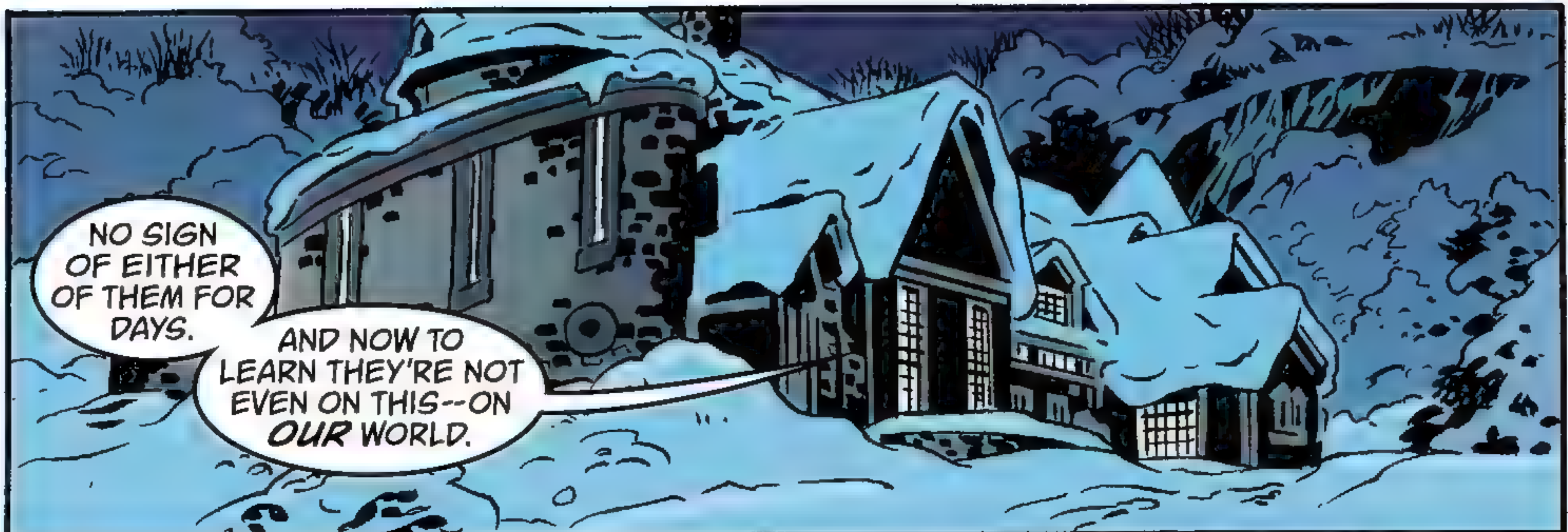


...THIS PROVES I DO SO **TOO** HAVE AN IMAGINATION AFTER ALL.



SOMETHING YOU WERE **DEAD WRONG** ABOUT, MR. SMARTY BRITCHES.

HA!



NO SIGN OF EITHER OF THEM FOR DAYS.

AND NOW TO LEARN THEY'RE NOT EVEN ON THIS--ON *OUR* WORLD.



WE WON'T STOP LOOKING FOR THEM.

PROMISE ME THAT. BRING MY BABIES HOME, BIGBY.

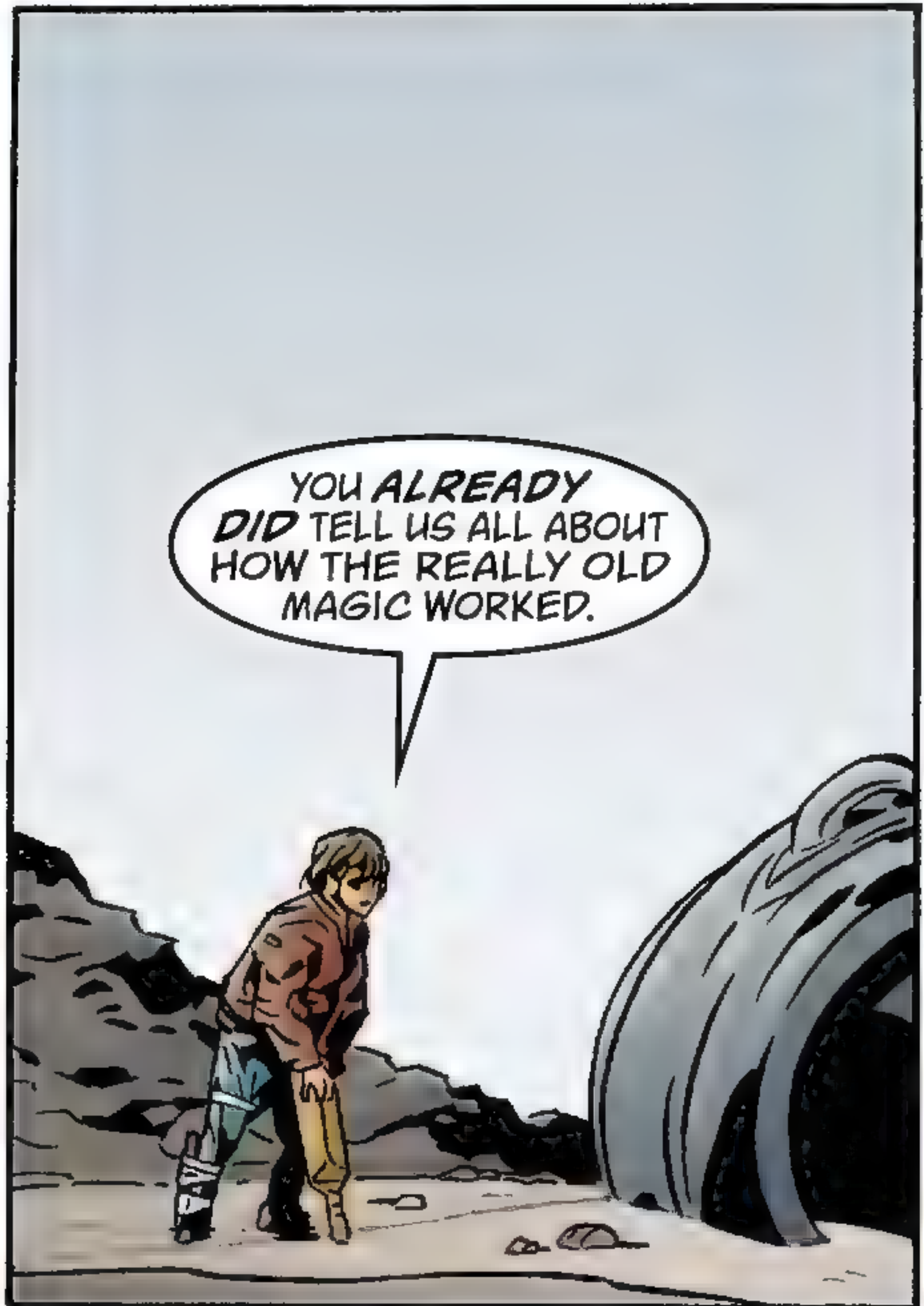
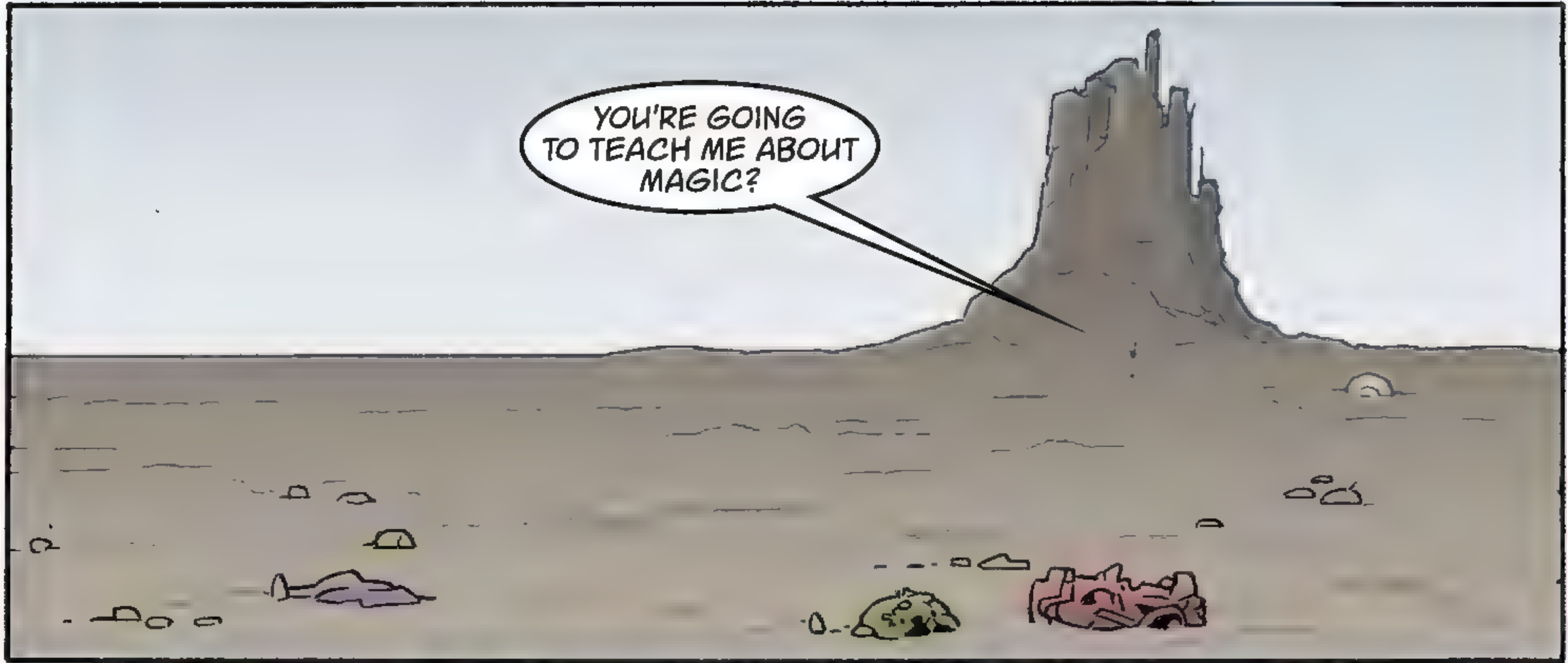


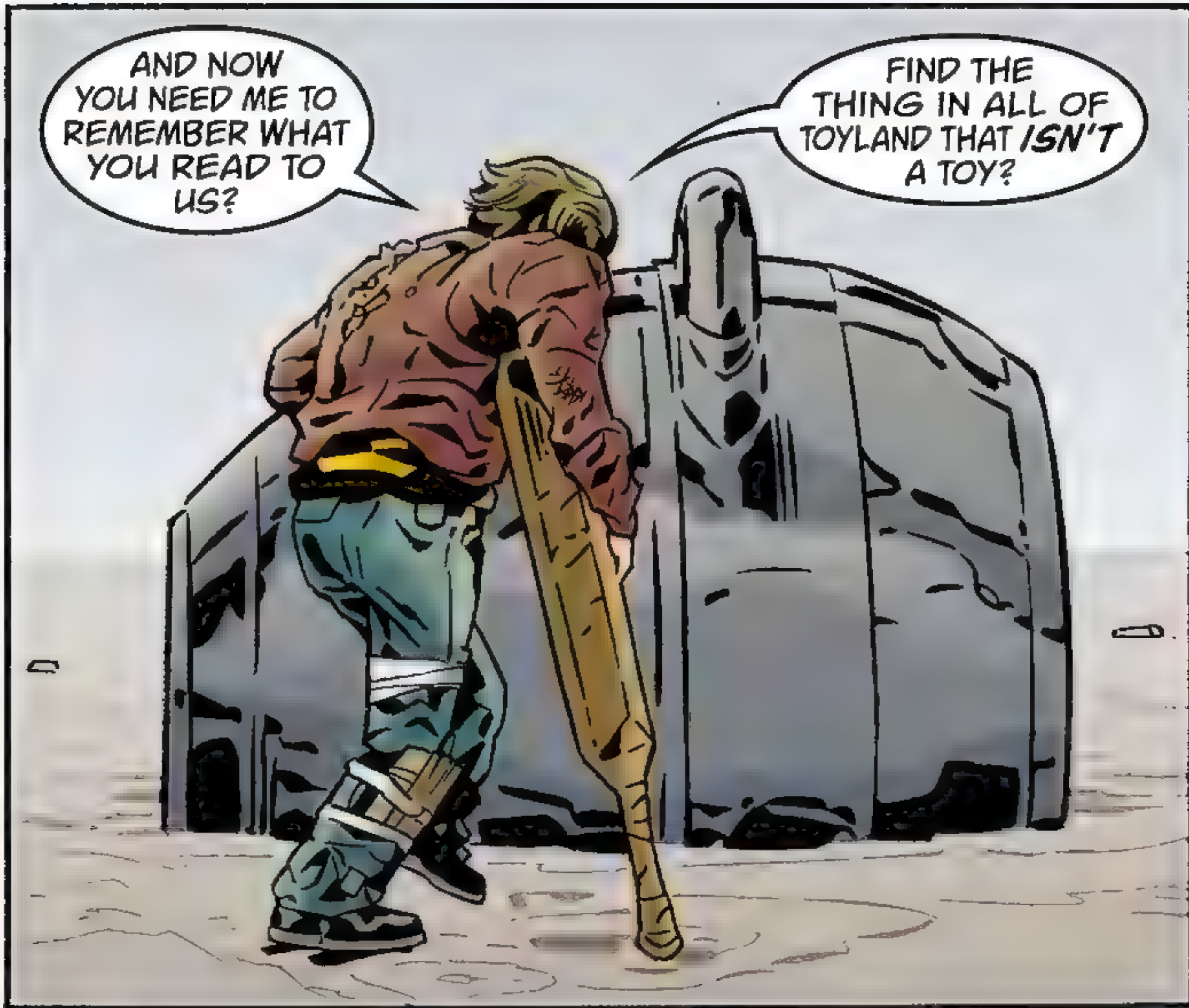
ONE WORLD OR A MILLION--IT'S ALL THE SAME. I'LL FIND THEM.

THEY HAVE TO BE TERRIFIED.



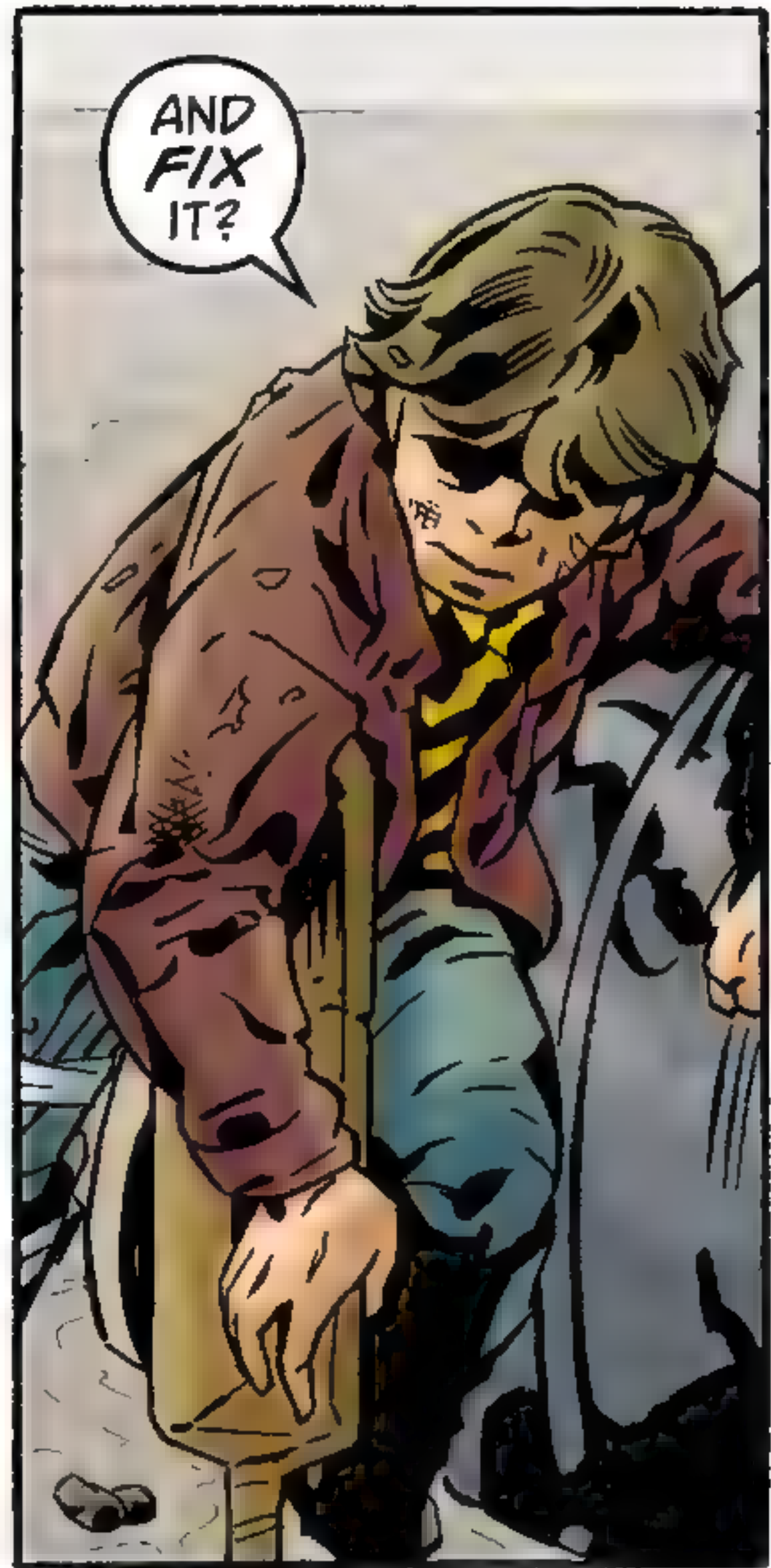
WHEREVER THEY ARE.





AND NOW YOU NEED ME TO REMEMBER WHAT YOU READ TO US?

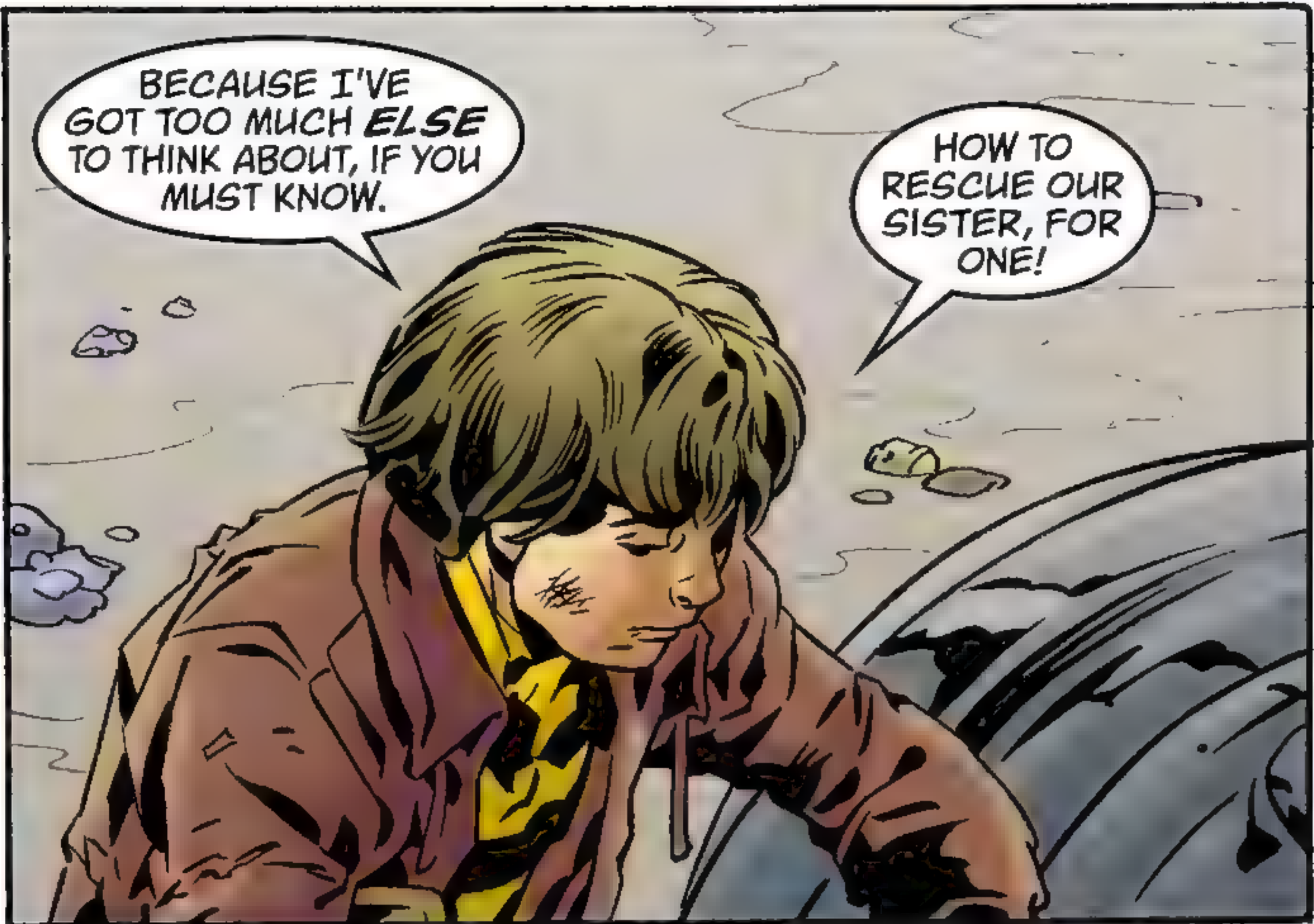
FIND THE THING IN ALL OF TOYLAND THAT *ISN'T* A TOY?



AND *FIX* IT?



WHY? WHAT GOOD'LL *THAT* DO?



BECAUSE I'VE GOT TOO MUCH *ELSE* TO THINK ABOUT, IF YOU MUST KNOW.

HOW TO RESCUE OUR SISTER, FOR ONE!



OH.



WILL IT HURT?

A REVOLUTION in **OZ**

Chapter Six: THE LOLLIPOP KILLED

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THE EMERALD CITY,
CAPITAL OF THE
NEW OZIAN EMPIRE.

ARE YOU
SURE ABOUT THIS,
YOUR IMPERIALNESS? THE
PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ACTING
PRETTY RESTLESS
LATELY.

IT'S
**SECOND
SHOE DAY*** I
ALWAYS PARADE
BEFORE MY LOYAL
SUBJECTS ON THE
**SECOND
SECOND SHOE
DAY** OF EVERY
MONTH.

TRADITIONS
UNITE EMPIRES. EVEN
THE MOST SUPERFICIAL
ONES **MUST** BE
UPHELD.

HERE I AM,
YOU NOTHINGS AND
MEANINGLESS, WRETCHED
CRAWLERS AND
SCRAPERS!

THERE
HE IS
NOW.

OPPRESSIVE
MOOP.

SHHHH!
BE CAREFUL,
PALLIODINO. HIS
SPIES ARE EVERY-
WHERE.

*Celebrating when the "other shoe" dropped, of course, when Roquat first declared himself no longer the **governor** of one district of Gepetto's foundering empire, but the **new Emperor** in full of his own, more localized empire.

BASK IN THE GLORY OF YOUR LIBERATOR!

DID YOU SEE THAT PAPER POSTING A REWARD FOR HIS STONY MELON ON A PLATTER?

THE ONE OFFERING TWO LOLLIPOPS? SURE I DID. IT'S EVERYWHERE, NO MATTER HOW OFTEN THEY TEAR THEM DOWN.

WELL, WATCH THIS.

HEY, MISTER EMPEROR!

HERE!

SUCK ON THIS!





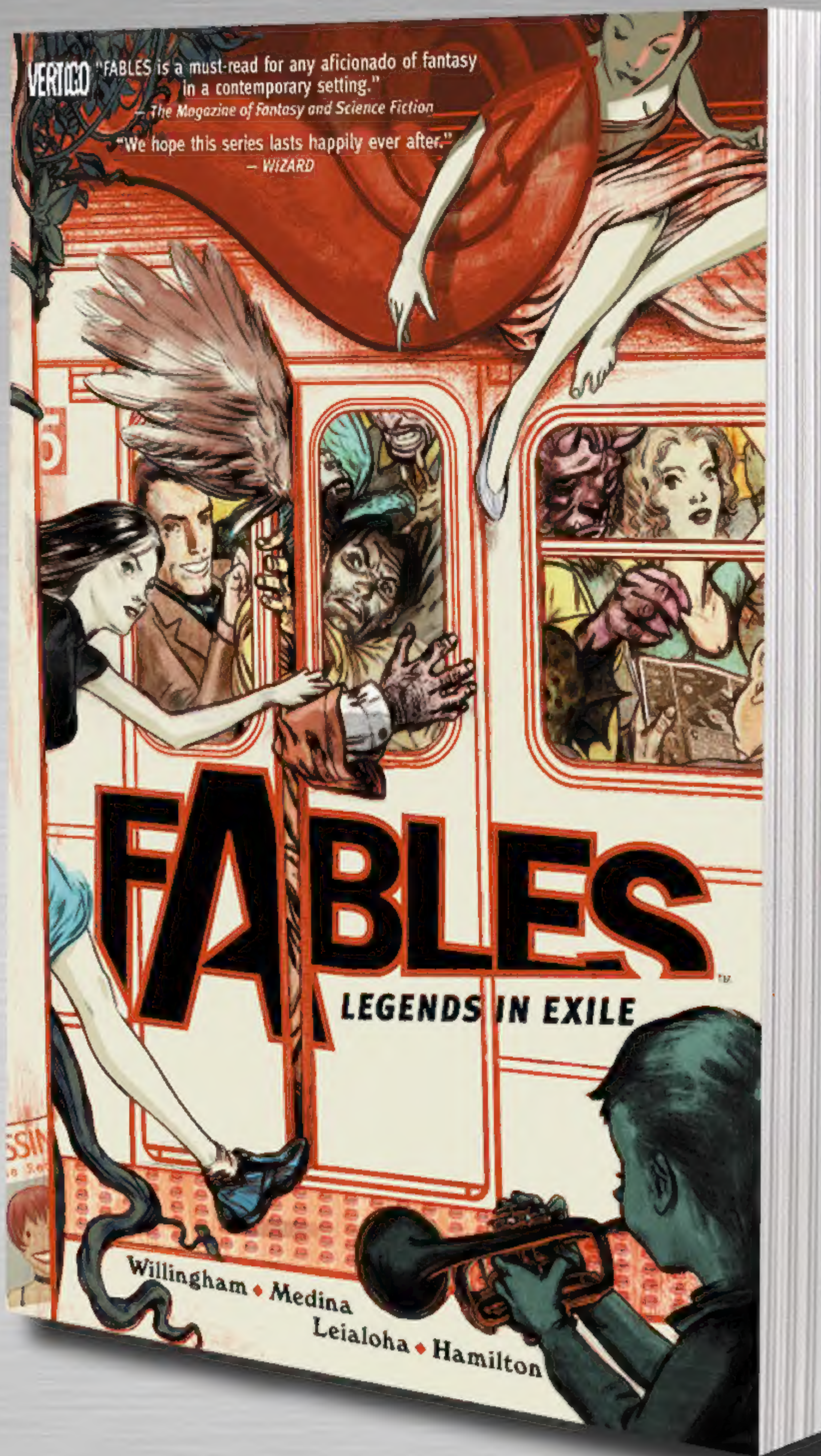
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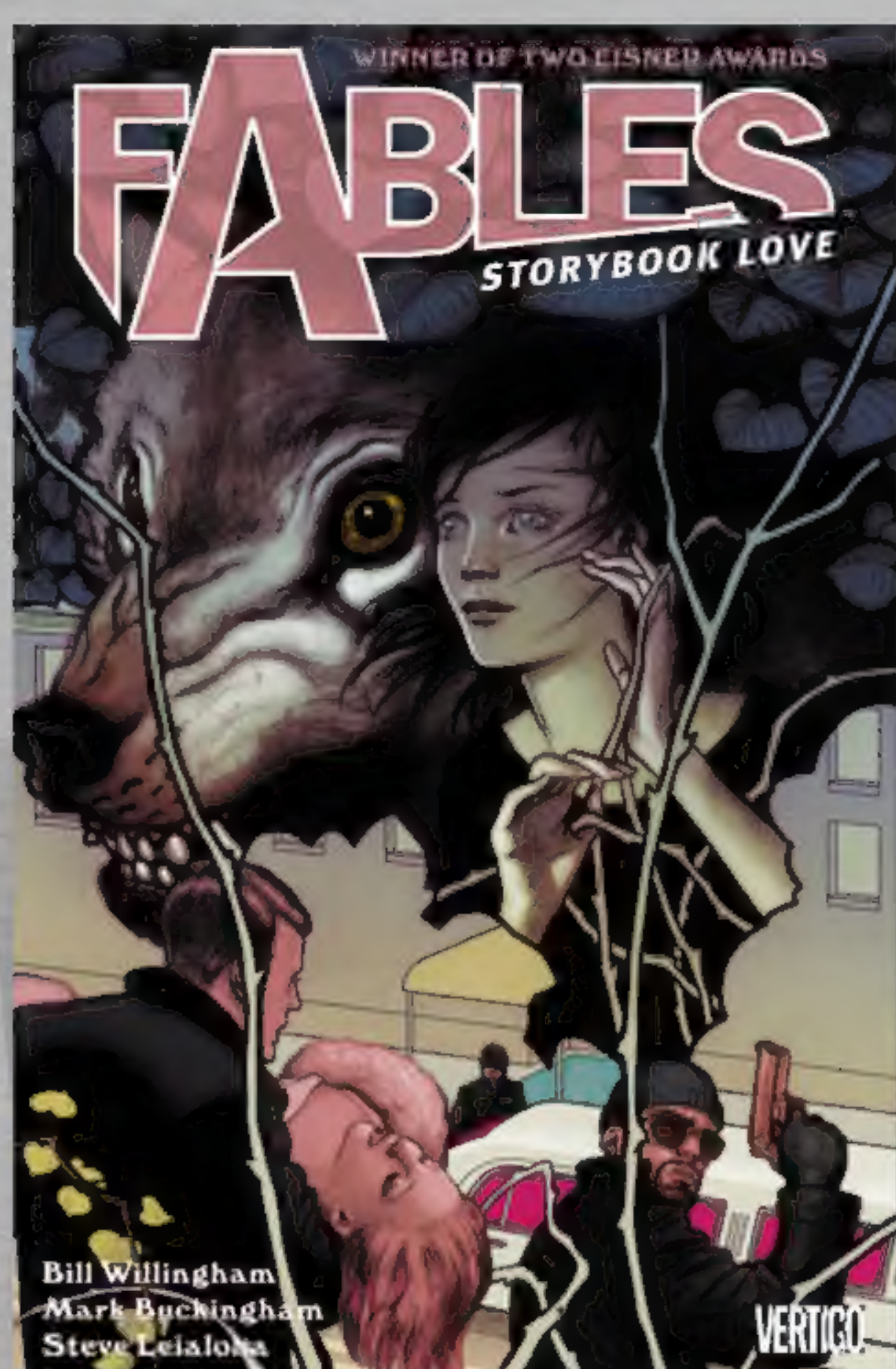
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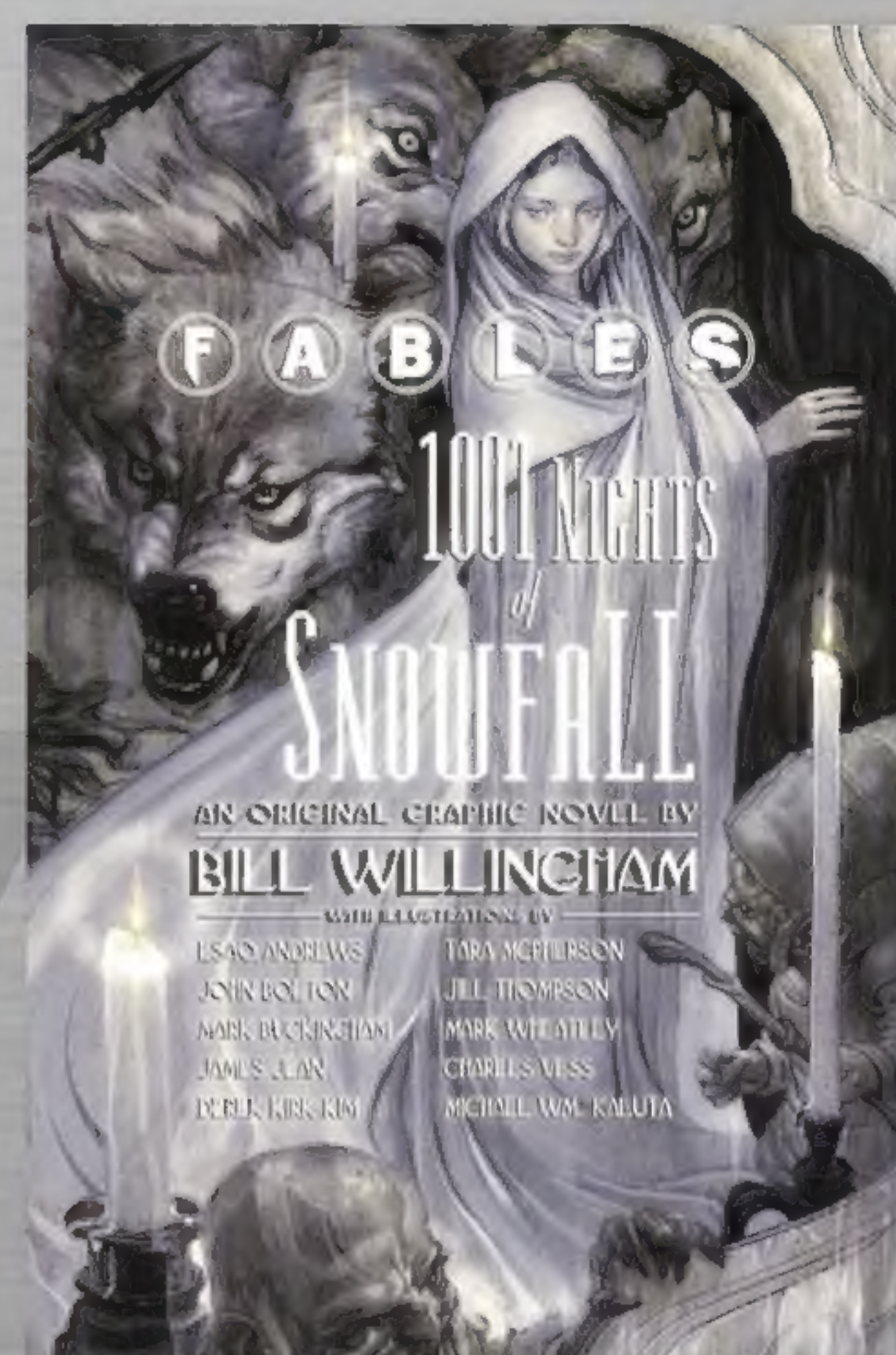
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